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Angry Venice parents grill Doughty



Scott Cousins photos

Above, Savannah Buchanan, who has children in the Venice School District, angrily fires off a question about Venice School Superintendent James Doughty's tactics during an explosive Venice School Board meeting at the Venice High School gym Thursday night. Buchanan and others questioned Doughty's lockout of several VHS students Tuesday and his refusal to cooperate with board members, police officials and the media. At right, Doughty responds to the accusations that have been flying around him.



Few answers given during tense meeting

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Angry parents in the Venice School District had a lot of questions but got few answers at a stormy meeting Thursday.

More than 150 parents and others attended the meeting — moved to the high school gym — to ask questions and complain about the lockout of students at Venice High School Tuesday, the need for armed security guards at the school and the actions of Superintendent James Doughty.

After conducting routine business, Board President Alvin Salmond said people would be allowed to ask questions, but said personnel

issues could not be discussed in public.

In the questions, Doughty talked briefly about Wednesday's situation.

The board then went into executive session, which did not end until about 12:30 a.m. No answers were taken after the executive session.

The rash of incidents and complaints were sparked by the suspension of Principal Annette Alexander Tuesday. According to sources at the board office, she was not at the high school Friday.

After Alexander's suspension, students apparently organized a protest, during which a fire alarm was pulled. Students who left the building were not allowed to return.

During the incidents, Doughty refused to speak to

parents, the media or police.

Parent James Straughter was one of those upset by the superintendent's actions.

"I wanted to speak to me, he did not have time to speak to the chief of police, he did not have time to speak to other parents."

Straughter, a concerned parent of a student in this school, would like to know exactly what is going on in the school. If you don't have time to do something, you should have at some point at something."

Straughter said he understood why they couldn't discuss personnel matters, but added "the students are our business."

James Edwards, another

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Madison man shot in Venice

Incident may be related to recent one

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A shooting in Venice Thursday evening may be related to a similar incident in Madison last week.

A Madison man was treated and released from St. Elizabeth Medical Center for a gunshot wound to his left leg.

According to reports, at about 9:39 p.m., police received a call that a man was shot in the 1300 block of Robin Street. A few moments later another 911 call reported gunshots near that location.

An officer who had been on duty at the Venice School Board meeting responded to the scene, about a block away. When he arrived, the victim's friends were getting ready to take him to the hospital.

The officer persuaded the man to wait for an ambulance.

The victim told police that he and a friend had just gotten out of a car and were heading to the house when "two dudes" walking toward them.

The victim said he then saw one of the men put a hood over his head, then hit his friend sometime was wrong and the two ran for the house as the two suspects started running toward them. The

friend had just made it through the door when the victim and police heard a shot and felt a sharp pain in his left leg.

Police at the scene said the weapon may have been a .30 rifle.

According to police reports, the victim's cousin was also shot in a similar incident Feb. 19 in Madison.

In that case, the victim was in a car at the intersection of Market and Ewing when a man ran up to the car and fired a small-caliber handgun. The bullet struck the victim in the leg.

Police said they believe the same car was used both times.

Martin retires as county court bailiff

Granite City resident served in position 22 years

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

Jean Martin, of Granite City, retired Friday after almost 22 years as a bailiff in the Madison County Court House. Martin has spent the last four years working for the five judges in the Family Division.

"I've worked in traffic court, all over," Martin said. "I've really enjoyed working here. It's been a great job."

Bailiff Fred Perry has

worked with Martin for the past 12 years. He speaks about her with admiration and obvious friendship.

"She looks too young to retire, doesn't she," Perry said.

"We're really going to miss her around here. She's well liked," he said. "She has a talent for really helping people."

Martin sat at a desk outside a courtroom with a small paper portfolio on the wall behind her that says "Good luck Jean Martin." She wore a large corsage, and a bright smile. Several people stopped

by the desk to wish Martin well, to give her a hug, and to congratulate her.

Martin said she just wants to see what it feels like to have to be responsible. Then, later, maybe I'll look for something to do," she said.

Martin has a son, a daughter, nine grandchildren and a great grandchild (in the area), Martin said. "They should help keep me busy."

She said the thing that stands out in her memory is from when she just started work at the courthouse:

"There were a couple of trials we were involved in," she said.

"One was from Granite City. It was unusual and I couldn't get over it, that they had them killed for the insurance."

She said there hasn't been a lot of change in her job, except for sequestering jurors.

"For murder trials, they used to bring in a bus load of people from the Holiday Inn, and it was our job

to make sure no one talked to them," Martin said. "They don't sequester juries now."

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News

Police Blotter**Granite City**

DUI: A Fairmont City man was charged Thursday for DUI and failure to reduce his speed to avoid an accident.

The man charged was Joseph Rasmussen, 60, of 5100 Granite Rd., IL 62040.

According to Granite City police, two vehicles were stopped at a railroad track in the westbound lane on Illinois 156 east of Madison. As an oncoming train approached the vehicles about 9:36, Rasmussen's car allegedly struck the vehicles.

When a responding officer arrived at the scene, he was told by the suspect that his brake pad fell off. The officer looked for the pad but did not find it.

During a conversation with the suspect, however, the officer did smell alcohol on the suspect's breath. The suspect was given a breathalyzer test. He was then taken to a local station where he was later released on \$100 bond.

STOLEN PROPERTY: An employee who works for a rental company got a little

more than he expected Thursday when he went to the home of a person who allegedly took merchandise from it.

According to Granite City police, when the employee arrived at the suspect's home about 2:25 p.m. to inquire about the allegedly stolen merchandise, the suspect gave him a "rock," a rock-like object, as well as a punch to the face.

The employee then contacted the police, who arrived at the suspect's home to find that he had fled the area and could not be found.

Madison County Sheriff

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: Jeffrey L. Ziegler, 37, of Carolyn M. Warren, 36, both of Staunton, were charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance and unlawful use of a weapon after an incident reported at 11:17 p.m. Feb. 23 at Harrison Street and Roosevelt Street in Madison.

Additionally, Ziegler was charged with driving with no lights and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Warren was also charged with possession of a firearm without a firearms owner identification card, possession of ammunition without a FOID card and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

After a traffic stop, sheriff's deputies found three "rocks" of crack cocaine, a loaded .32-caliber revolver and a homemade pipe used for smoking crack cocaine in the car in which Ziegler and Warren were riding.

BURGLARY: A resident of the 300 block of Villawood in Collinsville reported that between 6 p.m. Feb. 18 and 12:51 a.m. Feb. 19, someone entered her car and took a cellular telephone.

Approximately 200 CDs in a soft case, two bottles of designer perfume and a men's wallet were taken.

The items were valued at \$2,160.

State's Attorney Office

The Madison County State's Attorneys office has filed the following charges:

Manny Quintero, 36, was charged with aggravated DUI. His bail was set at \$25,000.

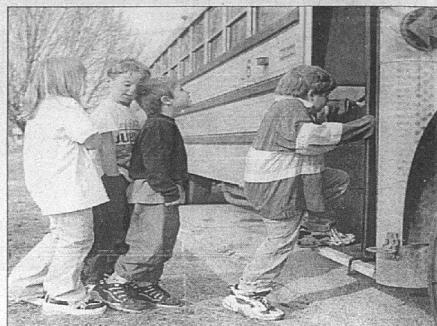
Quintero was picked up by the Collinsville Police Department on Feb. 20 on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of .10 or more, according to the information filed. He had been previously convicted of DUI July 21, 1986, and April 5, 1995.

In addition, the following were charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance by the Granite City Police Department:

Miguel A. Chambers, 32, from an incident on Nov. 20. Bail was set at \$20,000.

Geneva Cromer, 45, from an incident on Nov. 20. Bail was set at \$15,000.

Joseph K. Beavin, 38, from an incident on Nov. 20. Bail was set at \$20,000.



Getting off safely

Tim Stephenson photo

Students at Wilson Elementary School learn how to safely board their school bus during a recent school bus safety seminar held at the school. Drivers and administrators explained bus rules and procedures with some 200 bus-riding students at the facility.

Church construction dispute occupies Granite City Council

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

Is the church that will be built on East 23rd Street a pole barn or a pre-engineered structure?

GRANITE CITY question was a matter of dispute between Mayor Ron Selph and aldermen at Tuesday night's Granite City Council meeting.

Selph said the Granite City Four Square Gospel Church is slated to be built at the site in a pre-engineered structure. Selph recently issued a permit that would allow a 1 1/2-story, 22-foot by 40-foot building.

Selph's decision to grant the permit overrode an earlier decision in which Zoning Administrator Glen Hollis denied the permit. Selph's reversal prompted Craig Tarhoff to question if Selph

had the authority to override Hollis.

Tarhoff said that City Attorney Jeff Jensen should look into Selph's decision to make sure of its legality. Jensen determined Selph had the power to override Hollis. Council members Leo Wollord, Lurton Pulley, Foster Wedderburn, Brian Fuzzerry and Mike Warfield voted against the measure. Aldermen who voted in favor were Casmer Skubish, Kim MacTaggart, Tarhoff, Nick Kennedy Shaw, Bob Cook, Eddie Asadorian and Pat Davis.

Tarhoff said that the public has the right to appeal to discuss what has made the zoning administrator, but an appeal can't be made to overturn Selph's decision. Tarhoff added that it is why it is important that Jensen look into the reversal because there could be a sway of power.

toward the mayor, which he said could "alter the balance of power."

Skubish, who pleaded to Selph to look hard at his decision to grant the permit, said the aldermen should also be concerned that the building could become an attraction for crime, especially if people congregate in the area.

There are people in the surrounding neighborhoods who will fear for their children's safety," he said. "Lake School administrators will have some fears, while the school will be close to the church."

Selph assured Skubish that the church would be used for church services and as a food pantry and not for housing.

"I am told by church officials that all safety procedures would be met and that a fence or shrubbery would be put up so the people in the area would have some privacy," Selph said.

Panel seeking new applicants

The Southern Illinois District Council of Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Committee has announced that applications will be available for apprenticeship training in the carpentry trade April 9 and April 12-16.

All applicants must be at least 17 years old and must submit a physical from a licensed physician, high school diploma or GED certificate, grade transcript, record of previous work experience and three written character references.

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Opinions

**Sound Off**

Speak your mind, 618/277-9520

This '80 percenter' is under question But don't expect death penalty to be abolished

Most state legislators, like most of their constituents, support the death penalty.

The consensus in our society is the death penalty is needed and you won't find many politicians who are willing to go up against such a widely held belief.



Rich Miller

It's what's known as an "80 percent." When an issue is supported (or opposed) by 80 percent of the populace, then it becomes something that figures into how people vote.

If you are on the wrong side of the 80 percent like imposing the death penalty or saving Social Security, then you are much less likely to be elected. For the most part, people prefer very little time deciding which candidate to vote for, so they use these touchstone issues to quickly weed out the undesirables.

It's no surprise then

politicians are not naturally inclined to make life easier for death row prisoners.

After Anthony Porter was released from death row recently, just months after Rolando Cruz and Alejandro Hernandez were found to have been wrongly condemned to die, Gov. George Ryan's first reaction was to dismiss the outcry for reform.

His spokesman said the system had worked fine, even though Porter was released after serving 17 years for a crime he didn't commit and came within 48 hours of being executed.

Even if you're not on the 80 percent, most Americans generally support fairness and polls have been shown a majority of them worry about people being mistakenly executed — 58 percent in a 1993 poll conducted by a Republican polling firm.

The company owner of his spokesman's comments apparently struck Ryan. The governor agreed to convene a summit on the death by penalty and even review all the death row cases that are out there now before more executions are carried out — a de facto moratorium.

Don't expect Ryan or anyone else to go too far, however. Ryan is a conservative Christian who is solidly in favor of the death penalty and they believe the public does as well.

And they also worry what could happen if they loosen things up too much and accidentally create a backlash if an awful murderer somehow escapes the noose.

On the left, though, there are some who identify with people like Anthony Porter and Rolando Cruz.

Politicians these days know all too well what it's like to be targeted by overzealous prosecutors who will do almost anything to win convictions. And I'm not just talking about the death row's problems.

Illinois legislators don't have to look far to see a prime example of this in their own ranks.

Not long before Porter was released, former state Rep. Miguel Santiago (D-Chicago) was found innocent in a federal corruption trial and got thousands of dollars on his defense and losing his reputation.

Lots of legislators from both political parties attended Santiago's victory party in Springfield and they all raised their glasses to toast his triumph, many with chirps running up their spines to feel they could next on the hit list.

They can't possibly understand our support for the death penalty isn't as strong as the media and the politicians generally have us believe.

A survey taken in 1998 by the Terrance Group, a Republican pollster firm, found that support for capital punishment dropped from 78 percent to 54 percent when people were given the option of choosing life sentences without parole plus restitution. A Gallup poll found similar results.

But again, most legislators were elected on pro-death penalty platforms and the vast majority are true believers. So very few, if any, will take the radical step of renouncing their former positions.

However, since even the conservative Senate Republicans are showing a willingness to work on the issue, we'll probably see some significant, but not huge, reforms in the death penalty law this spring.

Don't kid yourself, though, that the death penalty will be abolished in this state anytime soon.



What will students need in the next century?

Learning, comprehension and interpersonal skills top the list

By Dr. Tom Fegley

We've all heard of David Letterman's Top 10 Lists.

Well, here are some Top 10 Lists of another kind. (Never mind that there are 11 items in the last list.)

About three years ago, a book entitled "Preparing Students for the 21st Century" came across my desk. As I read through the book, I came across this list that I found extremely interesting.

In her research project, Donna Uchida engaged a panel of distinguished experts throughout America who were willing to participate as the Council of 55.

These 55 individuals from such fields as education, business, government, psychology, sociology, anthropology and demography were asked to name the most important knowledge, skills and behavior students need to have if they are to prosper in the 21st century.

Here are the lists reported in the book:

What academic content will students need to master to succeed in the 21st century?

1. Math, logic and reasoning skills; functional and operational literacy; and an understanding of statistics.

2. Critical interpersonal skills, including speaking, listening and the ability to be part of a team.

3. Basic information accessing and processing skills using technology.

4. Writing skills to enable students to communicate effectively.

5. Knowledge of American history and government function in a democratic society and an understanding of issues surrounding patriotism.

6. Scientific knowledge base, including applied science.

7. An understanding of the history of the world and of world affairs.

8. Multicultural understanding, including insights into diversity and the need for international perspective.

9. Knowledge of foreign languages.

10. Knowledge of world geography.

What skills will students need for the 21st century?

1. Oral and written communication skills.

2. Critical thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

3. Self-discipline.

4. Skill in the use of computers and other technologies.

5. Job success skills.

6. Adaptability and flexibility.

7. Conflict resolution and negotiation skills.

8. Being able to conduct research and interpret and apply data.

9. Knowledge of other languages, being multilingual.

10. Comprehensive reading and language learning skills.

What behaviors do students need to exhibit to be prepared for the 21st century?

1. Understanding and practicing honesty, integrity and ethics.

2. Respect for the value of effort, understanding the work ethic and need for individual contributions, and self-reliance.

3. Understanding and respect for those not like you, an appreciation of diversity.

4. Capacity to work with others as a team member.

5. Taking increased responsibility for one's own actions.

6. Respect for others and for authority.

7. Commitment to family life, personal life and community.

8. Pride in U.S. citizenship and awareness of individual responsibilities in a democracy.

9. Willingness to civilly resolve disagreements.

10. Respect, tolerance and respect for educators.

11. Being excited about life and setting goals for lifelong learning.

It would seem to me that these lists provide a pretty good prescription to guide parents and schools in preparing young people for their adult lives.

Dr. Tom Fegley is superintendent of Collinsville's Unit 1 School District.

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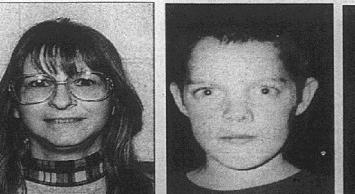
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VOICE BOX

New York City recently passed a law permanently impounding the cars of suspected drunk drivers. What do you think about this law?



"I think that is pretty strict, but on the other hand, drunk driving should be dealt with severely. I have lost several friends to drunk drivers over the past few years."

Sharon Voloski, 34
Secretary

"I don't think they should take the car away forever. But there should be punishment for drinking and driving."

Cindy Lupardus, 38
Housewife

"First of all, the people are crazy to let such a law pass. If it were drugs, I could see it. But taking the car away for good, that's going a little too far."

Edward Wilkinson, 9
Student

"I think it's wrong to go somewhere in the car when you drink beer. But if you do, and they take the car away from you, how will all the people get to work?"

Angie Ochoa, 18
Student

Photos and interviews by Shirley Valencia
Interviewed at Prather School, Granite City

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News

Senator discusses education, possible teaching academy

By Jason White
Staff writer

State Sen. James F. Clayborne Jr., D-Belleview, said Tuesday he is working with school officials to bring a teachers academy to the Metro-East.

Clayborne spoke to about 40 people at the monthly Alton town meeting at Bethel United Church of Christ.

CAHOKIA The teachers academy is a 10-week training course open to teachers in all subjects, Clayborne said. Specialists will teach teachers on their teaching methods. "It will give teachers a resource where they can go to strengthen themselves," Clayborne said.

An academic in Chicago has contributed to reduced dropout rates, he said. "Teachers have been able to be more creative."

Clayborne said:

Clayborne said he does not know where the academy will be but said he expects a decision within a few months.

Clayborne said he and Cahokia School District Superintendent Bob Bresnahan are working on the proposal.

Clayborne also addressed education funding.

He said he will introduce a bill to allow school districts to increase their debt limit. Some districts think quality of funds under the state's construction grant program can't propose bond issues to provide matching funds, Clayborne said.

Clayborne also said he wants to fund schools from income taxes instead of property taxes.

"No child should be penalized based on the value of his home," Clayborne said. "In my district, we're spending about \$3,800 per child, while in some of the

collar counties (in suburban Chicago) they're spending \$15,000 per child."

Clayborne pointed out that the state spends four times as much building new prisons than building new schools.

"I think at some point, we've got to go to the front and try to stop the problems," said Clayborne, a former child support prosecutor. "The biggest impact you can make on a child is K-3 (kindergarten through third grade)."

Clayborne said he is optimistic about working with Republican Gov. George Ryan, who was previously given 51 percent of new state revenue on education.

There are a lot of Democrats that are optimistic about George Ryan," Clayborne said. "I think he will work with both sides."

Granite City elementary students presenting art throughout March

As part of National Fine Arts Month, elementary students in the Granite City School District will be making presentations including art, music and other activities during Parent-Teacher Association meetings beginning Tuesday.

Presentations will be made at the following schools:

- Prather — 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 2. A K-6 art exhibit, music and dance video.

- Mitchell — 6:30 p.m.

- Thursday, March 4. A K-6 art exhibit.

- Lake — 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 10. A music program by special education students, and a K-6 art exhibit.

- Frohardt — 7 p.m.

Monday, March 15. A grade level art exhibit during the week, and a fourth grade recorder demonstration.

Niedringhaus — 7 p.m. Monday, March 15. A first grade musical in the school gym, K-6 art exhibit, and video and computer displays of fine arts activities.

- Marshall — 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 16. First through sixth-grade vocal concert in the school gym, K-6 art exhibit, and a K-6 art exhibit.

- Wilson — 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 18. A display of student art work in the library during the week, and a K-6 art exhibit.

- Frohardt — 7 p.m.

• Maryville — 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 18. A K-6 art exhibit.

- Worthen — 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 18. A third-grade recorder demonstration and a K-6 art exhibit.

On Thursday, March 11, students from several elementary schools will be participating in the 16th annual annual sing-along from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The program will be viewed via satellite on public broadcasting stations. Locally it can be viewed on KETC-TV, channel 9.

— By Jason White

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In Brief

Holy Family taking registration

Holy Family School will be holding registration for full-day kindergarten and new students March 3.

Registration will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the cafeteria, located at 1900 St. Clair Ave., Granite City.

Uniform fittings and orders will be taken at this time.

Kindergarten students must be 4 years old by Sept. 1.

Parents must bring a birth certificate and baptismal record, unless already on file with Holy Family Parish, a Social Security number and an

\$80 registration/book/ supply fee.

For information, call 877-5500.

Society schedules next meeting

The Old Six Mile Historical Society will present its next general meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at First United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Pontoon Road.

Retired letter carrier Orville Hartman will speak on "Our First Centuries," located behind Kirkpatrick Homes.

Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Branson gospel

"Chosen Few," a gospel group from Branson, Mo., will be in concert Sunday at Grace Baptist Church, 2800 Edwards St., Granite City.

The group will present a mini-concert at the 8:30 a.m. worship service and then perform a full concert at the 10 a.m. service.

The group has been the resident gospel group at Silver Dollar City since 1992 and has been featured on the 700 Club, The Odyssey Network and The International Network.

Over the past five years, the group has performed for more than 4 million people.

was the gunman.

Lewis is serving a sentence on unrelated federal weapons and drug charges.

Abeln's co-defendant last Feb.

4 with using an international transportation facility, Parks Airport, in a murder conspiracy and with interstate travel to commit a robbery.

Abeln has since pleaded not guilty last February. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

Westmoreland gets life without parole for role in Abel killing

By Jason White
Staff writer

A federal judge on Tuesday sentenced a

Florissant, Mo., man to life in prison for his role in a drug conspiracy.

Greg Westmoreland, 37, of

2701 St. Ferdinand St., was

sentenced to life in prison

without parole.

A grand jury indicted

Westmoreland last year for

conspiracy to distribute

cocaine and marijuana. A jury

convicted him after a two-week trial in August.

Evidence established that

Westmoreland and Richard C.

Abeln of Sappington in south

St. Louis County had plotted to

kill Abel's wife, Debra Abel,

to conceal their drug

trafficking.

U.S. District Judge William

Steihl ruled that

Westmoreland, because of his

role in the killing, was subject

to a mandatory life sentence.

A masked gunman fatally

shot Debra Abel twice with a

sawed-off shotgun on Dec. 27,

1997, at CRT Aviation, Richard

Abeln's business, at Parks

Airport in Cahokia. The

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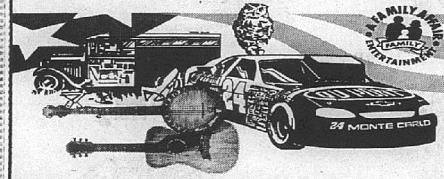
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My Favorite Martian (PG) 2:15,
4:20, 7:05, 9:25

8 MM (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

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Highmore (R) 1:05, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15,
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October Sky (PG) 1:45, 4:25, 7:05,
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Prince Of Egypt (PG) 1:00, 3:15
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Office Space (R) 1:30, 4:05, 7:25,
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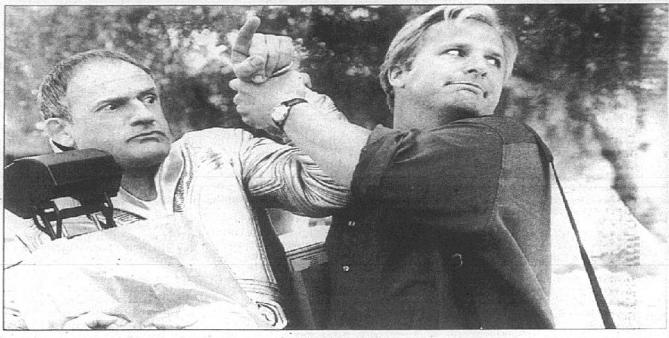
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Entertainment

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'My Favorite Martian' mediocre at best



Christopher Lloyd and Jeff Daniels in a scene from the Walt Disney Pictures film, 'My Favorite Martian.'

They never learn, it seems. Reeling boozey television for a 1960s man, audience hasn't worked yet. "Leave It to Beaver" fell utterly flat. "Lost in Space" was visually lavish but dramatically mediocre. Now comes "My Favorite Martian," and, sadly, it's no different.

That's not to say there's anything wrong with the resurrection of the hamstrung and amateurish Uncle Martin, played this time around with the appropriate gusto and mania by Christopher Lloyd. It's good, clean, occasionally earthy fun, but it's just maddeningly bland; one expects more from the movies than from a TV series.

Tim O'Hara (Jeff Daniels) is a bumbling, dim-witted news producer trying to keep his job and find the big story that will get his career going and get him noticed by glamorous reporter Grace Channing (Elizabeth Perkins), the daughter of the station manager (Michael Lerner). But Tim doesn't realize that his technical, Lizzie (Daryl Hannah) is the real star. One night, as Tim drives on a coastal highway after ostensibly being fired, he sees a UFO fall from the sky and crash. When he climbs over a ridge to check it out, he finds giant track marks but only a tiny, toy-sized ship, which he picks up and throws in his car.

It seems the ship, which is shrinking, is from Mars, and its shrinker is one of the exaggerated extraterrestrial and animated wiseracking space suit — want the craft back. The shape-shifting alien takes the form of Christopher Lloyd, shows up at Tim's door and takes up residence, letting Tim in on his secret but appearing to the outside world as Tim's

eccentric Uncle Martin.

The two begin to embark on a series of unlikely adventures pegged loosely to getting Martin back to Mars, helping him evade some

dissension-minded government

agents and, of course, getting his various

hijinks

The biggest problem of "My Favorite Martian": It lacks an edge. Its promising approach

sounds like a nice Stooges

sort of "Cousin Eddie" —

never gets off the ground. It tries to bite occasionally, but is so concerned with remaining a funny movie that it keeps smirking into profundity.

Lloyd makes a decent Uncle

Martin, a worthy successor to Ray Walston, the perpetually

aggravated spaceman from the

1963-66 series. Lloyd, a great comic actor, is natural for a role like this. He does his best, but the script plagues him like a bad ankle.

Daniels, on the other hand, is merely annoying. Coming off a nice performance in "Pocahontas," he falls back into "Trial and Error" mediocrity as a bumbling near-simpotet who is too inept to get the girl yet still intrepid enough to break out of a government installation.

Hannah, never sexier, threads her way through the plot like a nervous, perturbed Lizzie and is handed one genuinely fun scene — when she pops a shape-shifting gun ball and turns into a giant.

Lloyd makes a decent Uncle Martin, a worthy successor to Ray Walston, the perpetually aggravated spaceman from the

Martin's manipulation. The ubiquitous Wallace Shiner, who plays himself in the oddest places (he himself plays an alien in a recurring role on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine"), provides some comic distraction as Colby, a scientist, on finding out what makes Uncle Martin tick. And look for Walston, complete with white goatee, in a cameo role with a

"nostalgia, finally, is itself growing passe. Some advice to filmmakers contemplating a 1960s TV-series remake: Try something else. It might not work, but at least it probably won't be bland."

"My Favorite Martian," a film from the Walt Disney Co., is directed by Donald Petrie from a script by Sherri Stoner and Deanna Oliver.

— Associated Press

Horoscope

SUNDAY, FEB. 28

Saturn rules the pleasure-seeking realm of Taurus now. We'll jump through hoops for the sake of luxury or pleasure. Learning new tricks isn't easy, but we'll do a pain-free, dazzling, dazzling reward. Don't tell your secrets, since it will be hard for others not to spread the word during tomorrow's full moon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 28). Enjoy a respite from the usual pressures this year. Your current visions are seeing the

future. The more you adapt, the less you eventually have to struggle. See center wheels in motion next month and then brace yourself for the inevitable progress of the late spring. This year is likely to involve someone much older or younger.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Focus on improving a family situation. You're a wonderful mediator. Keep receipts. You are gifted with brain power. An acquaintance from school or work turns out to be very well connected —

cultivate this relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Spend a day alone to review your life. Take a quiet, long walk. Relationship. Do not let fear override your decisions.

Concentrate on your mental and physical health.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Lessons in patience are yours. Learn what you want. Allow yourself the luxury of totally forgetting about work. Children will benefit from your time. Making repairs to your home or your own can be restorative.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

A feeling of dissatisfaction in

the morning will yield to a sense of calm later. Creative work, even on your favorite hobby, may be put off instead of forcing it, take time off, and allow your imagination to rule.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Answer flattery with modesty. Get outside with friends. Strike up a conversation with a person of the opposite sex, and get spectacular results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Pay special attention to dreams, and follow your instinct. Your psychic sense is quite in tune. Situations in love and work will turn out well if you can be restorative.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

A personal satisfaction is more important than material results today, so just finish what you start. Your quick wit impresses a Scorpio cutie. Hard work, steady efforts, may even earn cash bonus.

SCORPIO (Oct. 21-Nov. 21).

Rely on your intuition, especially in moral dilemmas. Be a person of positive Aries. Break the life into your routine. A seemingly painful detour proves beneficial, even inspiring.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Justify your actions only if you feel you must, as it weakens your position considerably.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Enthusiasm are contagious. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your knack for details and accuracy pays off. You want more out of a lover but keep accents less.

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Your body is a grand temple, a magnificent creation, each part working together in unity to help you enjoy every moment of this God-given life.

Take care of yourself with intelligence and respect. The care you give your body is one of the most important responsibilities you will ever have. How you perceive your needs directs your actions, thoughts and achievements.

Learn to cherish and honor this sacred dwelling. Provided by God our Father, it is the vehicle He gave us to take us joyfully through this earthly existence.

The Bible says, "The Lord loves an even balance." To stay healthy emotionally, spiritually and physically, we need to have control over our vocation, recreation, and restoration.

* Endorse healthy habits. Nourish your body with whole foods, drink pure, clean water. Engage in a regular fitness routine. Take a brisk walk in the sunlight. Walking is one of the best forms of exercise there is.

"I take a direct dispensation from Heaven to become a walker," wrote 19th century naturalist Henry David Thoreau.

Walk for your health and soul, as well as for your physical well being. Stay up to date on your medical exams, checkups and dental care.

* Spend time alone.

Quiet moments in solitude can create times of personal reflection and give restoration to body and soul. Consider leaving some time off your busy schedule for your own enjoyment.

Discuss with your spouse the importance of having time alone to be your own person and to share your thoughts. You'll be surprised

A New You



Catherine Galasso

how much more patience you'll have with others after a few hours of peace and solitude.

* Do what makes you personally happy.

Try a new sport, plan an exciting vacation or delve into a hobby.

"After a full day's work, I enjoy golf, bowling and spending time with my family," writes reader Joe D'Amato.

Go to the gym or tag along with friends. Take dancing lessons with your mate or browse through a bookstore for interesting novels. Be challenged and stimulated. Continually try to reach higher heights of thought.

Communicate with a trusted confidant and talk out your dreams and aspirations.

* Give yourself a break. Find ways to relax, renew and recharge. Indulge in a day at the local salon. You deserve it.

Unwind in a warm bath, a herbal shampoo or a soothing facial. Pamper yourself and feel rejuvenated. Take deep breaths and breathe out any stress. Love your best.

Confidence will radiate from the inside out when you feel you look great. A

sparkle in your eye and humorous thoughts in your mind will convey *joie de vivre*.

Buy that pretty scarf or sweater the Doctor ordered and put it around on the table, and listen to classical music. Don't hold back in creating an atmosphere of pure delight.

Keep spiritually centered. Put God first in your life and thank Him for your blessings. Begin each day in gratitude and express to God your plans for the future.

Join a prayer group, read passages from the Bible or sing spiritual songs to brighten your hours. He will send showers of blessings upon you.

Smile and be happy, dear ones, to enjoy the wonderful world God has made for us.

"Thou hast created all things and for thy pleasure created." — Revelation 4:11.

You can't be so heavenly minded that you are no earthly good. So, let's take extra special care of this God-given temple. Ask the Lord to help you achieve an even balance between both mind and body. All things work together for the good when you respect the one and only body God has given to you.

Remember, it's the house of your beautiful soul.

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Park District plans trip to festival

The Granite City Park District will sponsor a one-day trip to Charleston, Mo., on Friday, April 15, for the annual Spring Dogwood-Azalea Festival. The planting of dogwood trees and azalea bushes has been an ongoing effort in the southeastern Missouri town for more than 50 years.

A group of 50 people will accompany the group along the five-mile trail of blooms and beautiful homes. If Mother Nature cooperates, it will be an awesome sight.

Other stops while in

Charleston will be at the Molly French Garden Club plant sale and the Quilt Show at St. Henry's Catholic School gym, where crafts will be on sale. The cost will be \$15 per person. Park ice Rink at 6 a.m. and have a quick restroom and fast-food breakfast stop before traveling to Sikeston, Mo., for the world-famous "Home of the Throwed Rolls." This meal must be paid for by each individual, as there is no set menu for groups.

It's then on to Charleston for the Dogwood-Azalea Festival. At the end of the day, the group will go back to Sikeston and have time to shop at the Outlet Mall there before

heading home. The trip's cost is \$34 per person and must be paid for at the time a reservation is made. Sign-ups will be taken starting March 3 at the Wilson Park Rink. After that day, sign-ups will be taken at the Wilson Park Office.

One person can sign up to four people. Residents of the Granite City Park District have priority, but names will be placed on a waiting list and called after March 11 as to availability.

For more information, call the Park District Office at 877-3059.

Glen Carbon may not buy out owner's land

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Glen Carbon may decide to let the owner of a vacated convenience store keep his property, according to Associate Judge Dan Stack. However, the attorney general's point is moot because state statute would require Glen Carbon to pay for the fees anyway if the board decides it doesn't want

"I don't agree with that," said Village Trustee Ben Maliszewski, who said Stack's decision was partially an appraisal sought by John R. Hampton, the owner of the parcels.

The village fought in court last month to get the purchase price closer to its appraisal of \$90,600. In court, Hampton had said the property is worth between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

Hampton's attorney, Brian L. Ransom of Bellwood, said Tuesday that his client may sue the village if officials decide they don't want the property for redevelopment.

"We would be bound by the judge's ruling, the amount will be lower," Ransom said. "They're acting like a little kid, taking their marbles home and pouting."

He said the only offer made by Glen Carbon to Hampton was \$65,000 for the three parcels in July.

Ransom said the village forced Hampton to pay his own appraisal fees, thousands of dollars in attorney's fees and court costs by filing an eminent domain lawsuit.

"He's supposed to eat all of these losses?" Ransom said.

"This is their (the village's) show. They're childish and are very, very bad sports. Hampton will not act like it never happened."

However, village attorney Christopher Hanson's point is moot because state statute

would require Glen Carbon to pay for the fees anyway if the board decides it doesn't want

the property.

Maliszewski said the village would have never gone through the suit had it thought Stack would settle on the amount reached in Hampton's appraisal.

"His appraisal was based upon properties on Illinois Route 159," Maliszewski said.

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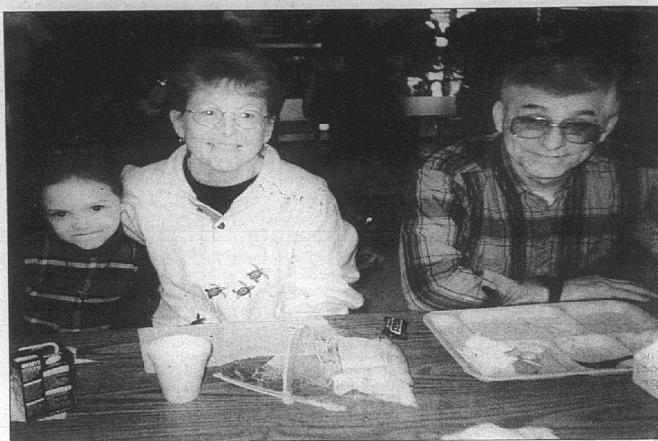
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Holy Family School student Victoria Krummell and her grandparents enjoy lunch in the school cafeteria during Catholic Schools Week observances. One of the activities students enjoyed was Grandparent's Day, in which grandparents of the students were invited to have lunch with their grandchildren.

Police show renewed interest in murder

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Investigators are showing renewed interest in a 21-year-old unsolved murder.

Authorities are again pursuing leads in the death of Denise Dickmann, 21.

Stahlhut disappeared after leaving work at a downtown Edwardsburg bar and was found dead eight days later in the back of a car in the lot of the Gateway Truck Plaza off Illinois Route 203 near Madison. She had been strangled.

Director of Police Bennett W. Dickmann would not

divulge what new information,

Oklahoma City, where they questioned a man who fit the description of the man seen talking to Stahlhut in the bar that night. The man was believed to have asked Stahlhut for a ride and followed her from the tavern.

The man, who would now be 52, was questioned by state investigators two times — once in Oklahoma where he had been arrested on a LaSalle County, Ill., warrant and again after he was released. His body was found eight days later in the trunk of her 1991 Chevy.

Shortly after the killing,

state investigators traveled to time.

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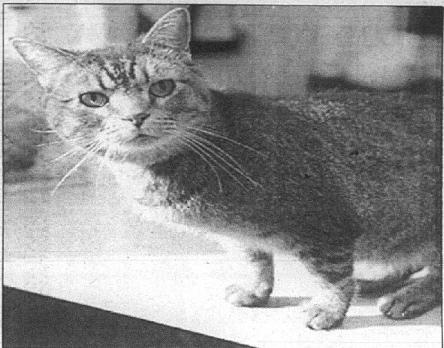
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Highway, the Granite City Animal Protective Association's champion mouse-hunter, is available for adoption at the facility's no-kill shelter in Granite City.

APA's champion mouser needs a home

By Susanne Fogle

Recently we had a tiny mouse problem at our shelter. Well, time may not be the correct word here because while mice themselves were quite small, the problem had reached a gargantuan proportions.

Sixty mice, the little critters seemed to be everywhere. Several times a week, a blood-curdling scream could be heard as volunteer and mouse came face-to-face in one unexpected encounter after another.

Now most of our volunteers are women who routinely care for dogs that weigh up to 90 pounds and ferrets who could possibly scratch your face off. These gals are a bunch of tough, strong, assertive, capable women, yet when faced with a food bin where a mouse is frantically noshing away, and inevitably, they are reduced to screaming hysterics.

It was obvious the mice had to go, but the solution to the shelter at our "no-kill" shelter with quite a dilemma.

After all, doing away with tiny, furry, nose-twisting, whisker-pulling mice could not exactly be compared to swatting a fly. Humane traps had been tried before and failed miserably, and the idea of trapping them little necks throughout the day, or the quiet, yet even more repulsive, method of poisoning just did not sit well with this group.

But wait! We had cats! Big cats, little, yellow cats, black cats, boy cats girl cats, striped cats, we had them!

The first step was turning one of our feline friends loose to prowl the premises. This did not seem nearly as awful as the traps or poison had. To be sure, the excitement for the mice was still pretty great, but somehow the prey vs. predator thing was for us, a more

"natural," acceptable solution. One cat in particular seemed well-suited to the job. Her name is Highway, gosh. I wonder where she was found?

We are not always the most original bunch, and this is an exception. A cat Highway who has figured out how to open the door to our cat room and several of our cages.

She was our first choice for "mice patrol."

And so Highway was given the run of shelter, and we all watched and waited for her hunting instinct to kick in.

More than a week later, Highway was still prowl along countertops rubbing up against anyone who ventured near. Oh yes, and marking her territory.

For those of you reading this who don't understand the term "marking," let me just say this: no writing implement is used.

For some unknown reason humans, but I'm sure a no-brainer to cats, Highway

wanted the world to know she "owned" the shelter and now that she uses her litterbox, she left little scent packets everywhere.

We were about to take back her new-found freedom, when, as if on a whim of intent, she once again became rekindled with her litter box.

Although we never saw her stalk, much less kill, even one mouse, guess what?

Then she decided to have disappeared.

We figured with all the "marking," the mice decided there was way too much cat smell around to stay.

So here's a hint: If you have mice, or squirrels, for that matter, in, say, an attic, a well-placed container of used kitty litter may be all you need to convince them to leave.

As for Highway, she would love a home of her own to patrol, and she promised me she would always use her little box.

Glen Carbon Village Board agrees to solicit upcoming construction project bids

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer
The Glen Carbon Village

Board has agreed to go out for construction bids on several upcoming projects.
At its meeting Tuesday

night, the board approved bids to go out in about two weeks for the smaller Senior Citizens/Community Center, to

be located behind Glen Carbon Centennial Library.

Construction of the center, which will feature a room for up to 168 people, had been estimated at \$424,500. Bids received in December, the lowest of three bids received was \$621,776.

Public Works Director Tom Sedlacek said the building will

be reduced from two stories to one. The cost and installation of a handicapped-approved elevator had been set at \$100,000.

Also, there isn't enough space for parking outside the proposed facility, so officials are negotiating to buy a nearby rental home for

additional space.

However, Building and Zoning Administrator Willard Sedlacek said he had asked by the property's landlord, John R. Hampton, can't possibly be paid by the village. Hampton is involved in an eminent domain lawsuit with the village on other properties, but Sedlacek remains optimistic.

"We're trying to get him in for a second visit at a later time," Sedlacek said of the negotiations with Hampton.

The Glen Carbon Police Department will go out for bids on several proposed renovations and addition, including the addition of men's and women's locker rooms.

The first phase of the renovations will cost between \$45,500 and \$60,000, Police Chief David Bradford said.

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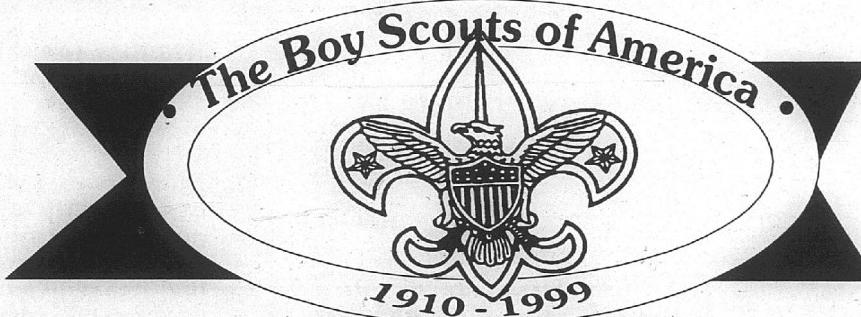
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**Be mine**

Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) celebrated Valentine's Day with a traditional Valentine's cookie baking session. The cookies are given to church members following services the Sunday before Valentine's Day. Fifteen Valentines were also made by church youths to give to shut-ins. From left, Brittany Stephens, Amanda Jones, Brooke Stephens and Lynnsey Smith paste together valentines.

Contributed photo

Edwardsville teens fast to fight hungerBy Steve Whitworth
Staff writer

A group of teen-agers from Trinity Lutheran Church in Edwardsville went without food for 30 hours to raise money to help fight hunger around the world.

The members of the church's youth group joined thousands of other people throughout the United States and Canada in the annual World Vision 30-Hour Famine, which is designed to help young people learn about global hunger issues and raise funds for the fight against hunger.

Participants ask family, friends and neighbors to make weekly pledges of money as they go without food for 30 hours to identify with those who are hungry.

Through videos, games, speeches, and involvement in local community service projects, they learn about hunger and what they can do to help others.

Eighty-one 16- and 23 teens from Trinity Lutheran's youth group, ranging in age from 14 to 18, took part in the observance, said Keith Buelmann, director of youth ministry at the church, 800 Water St.

For most of the 30-hour period, which began after lunch Saturday, the teens will be at the church.

"We'll have Bible studies, and there will be education about medical fasting; how it can be healthy and helpful," Buelmann said.

"We'll talk about biblical fasting, and have education about kids overseas who are starving and in need of funds."

Two people who have done missionary work with the poor in Honduras will talk to the youths about their experiences, Buelmann said.

"I hope they'll take some time to seriously contemplate and experience what life is like for kids overseas, even though the 30 hours really is nothing compared to what the kids' overseers go through," he said.

"I guess I'm just hoping to maybe help another child who's starving," said Jamie Darr, 16, of Edwardsville, a sophomore at Metro-East Lutheran High School, who will take part with the Trinity Lutheran group.

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Church starting recovery ministry

New Shining Light Missionary Baptist Church in Venice is starting a Recovery Ministry for people suffering from chemical dependency and their families.

The church is looking for individuals that want to serve in this ministry. Training for this ministry will begin in March.

Rev. Vickie Caldwell is a chemical-dependency specialist and the founder of Recovery Dynamics and REACT ministries.

She is employed with drug

rehabilitation treatment DART in St. Louis as a chemical dependency counselor and H.A.M.P. director.

For additional information and/or registration, please contact Rev. John H. Williams, pastor, New Shining Light Missionary Baptist Church in Venice.

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Storm water control subject of Edwardsville residents meetingBy Steve Whitworth
Staff writer

Edwardsville-area residents were told Thursday night that storm water control will become a major issue locally in the near future.

About 30 people attended the general meeting on growth held Thursday night at the Edwardsville Public Library. The meeting was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Edwardsville Area and Growth and Development Committee.

Richard Worthen, coordinator for the Metro-East Regional Stormwater Committee, was the guest speaker.

Worthen was the longtime chairman of the Madison County Board Environmental Committee before resigning from the board last year.

He now coordinates the Metro-East Stormwater Committee, which comprises mostly elected officials from cities, townships and counties as well as soil and water conservation districts in Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties.

Worthen began his remarks by stating three concepts he said were key to good public policy and to solving the problems caused by excess water: storm water quality, watershed and impervious surfaces.

The latter term refers to paved parking lots, roads and other man-made structures associated with development that don't absorb water and contribute to runoff.

The way to deal with runoff is to work within the concept of the watershed, Worthen said.

"Politicians don't think in terms of watersheds," he said. "The trouble is, the river doesn't know that."

Worthen referred to the recent problems in the Sand Road area on the western edge of Edwardsville, where runoff caused by increased development above the bluffs resulted in much of the American Bottoms area becoming flooded.

"This is a curable problem," he said. "It doesn't have to exist. It didn't exist before

1992. There were some things that were directly done that are causing these people to suffer that should not have been done. They have to be corrected."

Worthen predicted that storm water control will become recognized as a public utility, much like electricity and sewers.

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Mt. Vernon, Nashville look like top teams

Quotations and notes during a most interesting boys basketball season.

Nashville coach Darin Lee likes the way his team playing as his top-ranked Class A team prepared into the IHSAA postseason.

"We feel like the best Class A basketball is played in the south," Lee said. "With a break or two, we could be playing for the state championship in a row.... Until we lost in 1997 and '98 in the state quarterfinals, the south had received a trophy in most of the previous 10 years."

Who can question the current line of Nashville athletes? The Hornets were second in the IHSAA Class A football playoffs last fall and won the boys state track title last spring.

Of the seniors, Lee said: "We sensed in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades when they won great school championships, that this was a special class. They were very athletic, great

athletes and understood the game."

On the Class AA level,

Mount Vernon received similar credit in this corner in the first year for reviving prep basketball

interest in the south,

especially in the form of huge crowds that follow the team around.

However, no season can pass without paying attention to East St. Louis Senior, especially in its first year of merger with Lincoln High.

According to reports from the Chicago Tribune, the Flyerettes' junior center Darius Miles was not happy with the team's philosophy following a 51-43 loss at Chicago August 1.

James Lewis, after Miles scored just eight points in the game, he reportedly stormed out of the locker room,

saying, "The only way we'll get started is if we play

man-to-man, not zone. I'm

one of the top recruits in the

nation, and I get only eight

takes on the ball on offense. It doesn't make

any sense."

East Side coach Bennie Lewis responded by saying:

"People tell these kids

they're the stars. They tell them how to play the game. But they don't have a clue. But some kids listen because that's what they want. In fact, they are better than they are."

On a personal basis, Lewis admitted: "This city (East St. Louis) has won more state championships than any other city of comparable size. I want to be remembered as the first coach to win a state title in boys basketball at East St. Louis."

Last year won three titles at Lincoln. East St. Louis schools have won 38 state championships.

By Scott Marion
Staff writer



Granite City senior Crystal Cavins signs a letter of intent with McDaniel College on Wednesday with her mother Patricia Lanz, McDaniel coach Tim Strange and Granite City coach Gene Baker looking on.

Paul Baillargeon photo

Cavins signs with Bearcats

Granite City senior receives athletic, academic scholarships from McDaniel College

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Crystal Cavins walked into the conference room at Granite City High School on crutches to sign an official

letter of intent to play soccer at McDaniel College.

Cavins turned her ankle in a recent indoor soccer game, but it was hardly enough to halt the momentum of success that has carried her to this point. The Bearcats got a verbal commitment from a Warrior in the true sense of the word on Wednesday.

"We're in a transition period right now," McDaniel coach Tim Strange said. "This is going to be my first year, and we are looking for a number of things. We are looking for good, hard, solid players and that probably the most important thing is mental. Coming from Granite City, as we know, the players are solid and Crystal is one of those players who is going to fit in real well with our program. We need to build the program up and start winning some games. Our overall record is not very good, but the change is due to come as

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Flyerettes advance to Salem Super-sectional

East St. Louis will play Salem on Monday night

defeated Mount Vernon 70-67 Thursday in the championship game of the IHSAA Class AA O'Fallon Sectional.

East St. Louis coach Charles McDonald said of Adams and Coyle that "they have a lot of confidence in them."

Rita Adams missing more than nine minutes due to foul trouble, fellow senior LeKeonia Cole took up the slack and scored 26 points as the Flyerettes

do."

The victory was anything but easy for the Flyerettes, who will play Salem (28-2) at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Salem Super-sectional. Mount Vernon defeated Mount Zion 61-53 in the eighth points and rallied from a 12-point deficit to get within one point in the fourth quarter.

"We missed too many free throws

and made too many turnovers, but we hung with them until the end," said Mount Vernon coach Sura Price.

"I'm disappointed the season is over, but we fought hard in front of a big crowd. A lot of people were seeing us for the first time and I think we got some respect."

Kaycee Hale, a 6-foot junior, was virtually unstoppable at times for the Flyerettes.

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By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Even when half of its best 1-2 punch is missing, the East St. Louis girls basketball team still packs plenty of power.

With standout Rita Adams missing more than nine minutes due to foul trouble, fellow senior LeKeonia Cole took up the slack and scored 26 points as the Flyerettes

Bethel Christian Academy takes aim at second straight state title

Granite City's Smith among keys in team's hopes

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Bethel Christian Academy has been to the mountaintop.

Last year, the tiny 12-grade private school from South Roxana marched away with the Illinois Association of Christian Schools Class A

state championship. This year, the Blue Knights got even better with the addition of Jake Smith and Josh Adair.

Smith, a senior from Granite City, attended Bethel until seventh grade, but he wanted to play high school football, a sport which Bethel does not compete in. Smith transferred to public middle schools and followed his classmate to Granite City High School. Last year, Smith was injured and could not play football so he returned to Bethel for a senior-season swan song on the hardwood.

Jake is 6-foot-3, which for us is a pretty good size," coach Steve Greer said.

"With his help, rebounding and defense have been our strong suits this year. He's big and he works hard. He's kind of the team clown, he keeps everybody loose."

"The big thing with Jake is rebounding and

helping to keep the bigger kids from the other teams off the boards. He has been a big help. He played with us as a seventh-grader and came back this year as a senior."

Adair, a 6-foot senior from Troy, has been Bethel's answer off the bench.

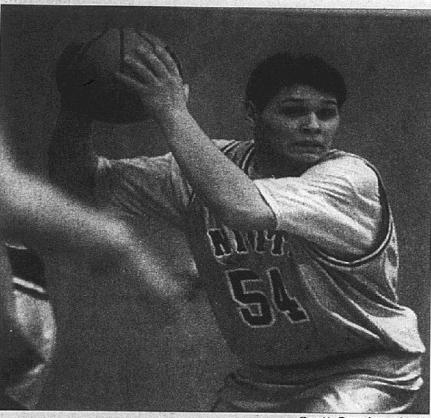
"Josh has been our sixth man," Greer said. "He has a good 3-point shot and has hit some big 3-pointers for us. He also gives us some size."

"Last year we were really a five-man team. Josh has a great attitude and really understands the role of the sixth man. He gets about 20 minutes per game and gives us good consistent minutes off the bench. He's a good kid, a character kid. This is Josh's first year at Bethel and he has really meshed well with the rest of the team. He came in to help, not to be the star. Both he and Jake have a really good attitude and work ethic. They are a big reason that we are 20-6."

With the infusion of new blood this year, a repeat race to the crown is not out of the question. The IACS state tournament begins next weekend in Rockford.

"If we are going to win the tournament, Josh

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Scott Coulson photo
Bethel Christian Academy senior Jake Smith, senior from Granite City, transferred to the school for his final season. The school's boys basketball team will play for the Illinois Association of Christian Schools Class A state title.

Cardinals '99 Kid's Promotions

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Pin Day*

Sunday, April 11 vs. Cincinnati Reds, 1:10

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Wednesday, April 28 vs. Colorado Rockies, 7:10

Coca-Cola/Shell Warm-Up Pullover
Jacket Day*

Sunday, May 9 vs. Pittsburgh Pirates, 1:10

Six Flags Night*

Saturday, May 15 vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 7:10

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Tuesday, May 25 vs. San Francisco Giants, 7:10

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Sunday, June 13 vs. Detroit Tigers, 1:10

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Monday, June 14 vs. Montreal Expos, 7:10

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Sunday, June 20 vs. New York Mets, 1:10

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Monday, June 21 vs. Houston Astros, 7:10

Ice Mountain Spring Water
Team Poster Night*

Wednesday, June 23 vs. Houston Astros, 7:10

Camera Night

Saturday, July 17 vs. Chicago White Sox, 7:10

Hunter Hotdogs Enos Slaughter Pin Day*

Sunday, July 18 vs. Minnesota Twins, 1:10

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Sunday, August 1 vs. Colorado Rockies, 1:10

Raging Rivers Water Park Night*

Tuesday, August 3 vs. San Diego Padres, 7:10

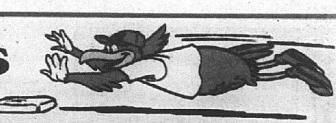
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Pennant Day #2*

Sunday, September 12 vs. Pittsburgh Pirates, 1:10

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Sunday, October 3 vs. Chicago Cubs, 1:10

Run the Bases Days

On the following dates, fans 15 and under get a chance to run the big league bases after the Cardinals game (weather permitting).

• Sunday June 13 vs. Detroit, 1:10

• Sunday July 18 vs. Minnesota, 1:10

• Sunday August 1 vs. Colorado, 1:10

• Sunday September 12 vs. Pittsburgh, 1:10

*with paid admission

Game time is subject to change.

East St. Louis beats Belleville East for third time

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Something about Belleville East brings out the best in Hawkins. East St. Louis' senior point guard scored 24 points Friday night as the Flyers beat visiting Belleville East 67-47 in the final regular season game for both teams.

Hawkins has 80 points in three games against East, all Flyers victories.

"Before the season started, they would come over here all the time, and say they were going to beat us," Hawkins said. "We wanted to prove them wrong."

The win gave East St. Louis (20-5 overall, 9-3 in the Southwestern Conference) a share of the SWC title with Edwardsville, which defeated Alton 83-76 Friday behind a school-record 48 points by Dan Lytle.

Last year, East St. Louis Lincoln reached the super-sectional before being eliminated. Lincoln merged with East St. Louis after the 1997-98 school year.

"The hardest thing was blending the two teams together," said Flyers coach Bennie Lewis, the longtime coach at Lincoln. "We found seven or

eight kids we can really count on. I was hoping we might find nine, 10 or 11 kids, but it didn't work out that way."

While Hawkins wasn't burning Belleville East with his outside shooting on his drives to the hoop, 6-foot-9 junior Darius Miles was doing the damage. Miles had 13 points, 11 rebounds and five assists.

"If they go double on Darius, me or Philip Gilbert can shoot the three, but everybody does that against him," Hawkins said.

Belleville East got off to a fast

start, taking a 6-0 lead, capped by Tony Patterson's basket. The Lancers led 18-14 after one quarter, but a pair of free throws by Miles gave East St. Louis a 32-27 halftime lead.

"We had a good quarter and a half, but they shut us down after that," said Belleville East coach Doug McCrary. "Stetson (Harrison) and Mike Burkhardt had some shots, but

they didn't have the shot. It was because of Miles."

For a while, the game was a battle of slam dunks between Miles and the 6-3 Harrison, who finished with 18 points.

"There was some pretty impressive basketball out there at times," McCrary said. "But I'm disappointed we didn't make the score look better."

A 10-point run by Hawkins gave East St. Louis a 50-36 lead with 1:17 to play in the third quarter, and the Flyers took a 12-point lead into the final period.

"Belleville East plays a speed-up game and Hawkins is a speed-up player," Lewis said. "He's going to get a lot of drives and a lot of three's or he's going to dish it off. They play his style."

East St. Louis got within eight points early in the fourth quarter, but a pair of free throws by George Mumphard put the Flyers up 54-42 with 4:31 to play.

Venable makes trip to state meet

Cahokia's 160-pound junior makes second state trek

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Cahokia High wrestler Mark Venable enjoyed several highlights this season.

Venable, who wrestled in the 180-pound weight class most of the campaign, won the Jerseyville and South Seven Conference tournaments and finished fifth in the Springfield Tournament.

Venable, a junior, then took third place in both the IHSA Class AA Jerseyville Regional and Granite City Sectional, and he capped the season with a second-straight state tournament appearance.

"Overall, my first year went well, making it to state for a second straight year," said first-year Comanches wrestling coach Jim Czajkowski.

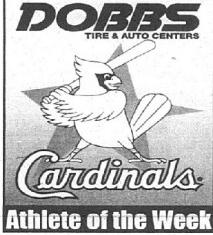
Venable went 1-2 at the state tournament in Champaign on Feb. 19-20.

He wrestled in the 170-pound weight class at state.

"As far as state, I was a little disappointed," Czajkowski said. "I wish I could have gone 2-2."

Venable holds the Cahokia High record for most varsity pins by a freshman with 11. He is well on his way to earning a place in the Cahokia Hall of Fame when he eclipses 100 career wins next year.

Venable, who also plays soccer at Cahokia, has 98 varsity wins in his career. "He's definitely a better mat wrestler," Czajkowski said.



Athlete of the Week

said. "He improved tremendously on his feet the last month or so in preparing for state."

Czajkowski said Venable still must improve his footwork and takedown ability.

Venable, who already has attracted attention from college scouts, expects another strong campaign in 1999-2000.

"Definitely," Czajkowski said. "We talked after the state tournament and he's going to start lifting weights with me. He's going to get in a work-out program. His strength alone will be a drastic improvement. At the high school level, strength is probably one of the most important things. With the added strength, he should do pretty well with the moves he already knows."

Card show set for today in Mascoutah

The seventh annual Benefit Sports Card & Beanie Baby Show will be a.m.-p.m. Sunday at the Mascoutah Middle School gym.

SPORTS The show is sponsored by the Mascoutah Athletic Booster Club.

Few Mark McGwire items will be available while they last. There will be an autograph session at noon with Billie Jean King, a private donor, Brueggemann, a pitcher in the Colorado Rockies organization. There also will be hourly attendance prizes.

A silent auction includes pictures of Ozzie Smith, Tom Hanks, Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, an Ornament-Peter Jersey, an Isaac Bruce mini-helmet, a J.D. Drew bat and at least two sets of St. Louis Cardinals box seat tickets.

There will be a raffle with a 3 p.m. drawing. First prize is a limited edition (one of 7,000) Mark McGwire 70th home run纪念品, and a grand prize is two box seats to a Cardinals game and third prize is a Ty "Glory" Beanie Baby. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Dealer tables are \$20 each. For more information, call Roger Bergheger at 566-8084.

Golf meeting

The Metro East Golfing Single will hold its annual members' meeting at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 7 at Shanerigan's Restaurant, 6401 W. Main St. in Belleville.

Any single adult interested in joining the group is welcome to attend. A presentation about the organization will be given. Snacks and appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available.

For more information, call Dan Mitchell at 398-6431.

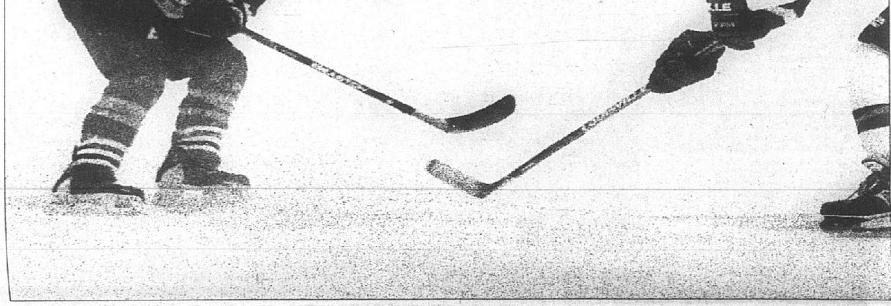
Softball tryouts

The Mascoutah Tribe girls softball team is seeking players for the 1999 season. All games will be played at Laderman Park in Belleville.

Girls born after Jan. 2, 1988, are eligible. Players must furnish their own equipment. For more information, call 566-8916, 566-9694 or 566-2415.

Golf tourney

The Legacy Golf Course will play host to a St. Louis Cardinals golf scramble on March 13. The cost is \$50. For more information, call 931-4653 or (314) 726-4653.



John Stordahl and the Illinois Warriors won the Northern Division of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association. The Warriors took a 1-1 playoff record into the final pool play contest Saturday against Alton Marquette.

MVCHA playoffs

| Team | W-L-T | Team | W-L-T |
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| Illinois (Granite City) | 13-6-3 | Plaza Southwestern | 9-6-4 |
| Bethalto Civic Memorial | 10-8-4 | Wood River | 4-11-6 |
| Alton | 10-8-4 | Jerseyville | 6-14-1 |
| Edwardsville | 10-8-4 | Highland | 1-20-0 |
| Alton Marquette | 8-10-4 | Playoffs | |
| Roxana | 0-20-2 | East Division | |
| South Division | | Team | |
| O'Fallon | W-L-T | Mascoutah | W-L-T |
| Alton | 17-3-2 | Waterloo | 2-0 |
| Collinsville | 11-8-3 | Freeburg | 1-1 |
| Belleville West | 10-10-2 | Triad | 1-1 |
| Belleville East | 8-11-3 | West Division | |
| Cahokia | 6-11-8 | Team | |
| Playoffs | | Jerseyville | W-L-T |
| Northern Division | | Plaza Southwestern | 1-1 |
| Bethalto Civic Memorial | 2-0 | East Alton-Wood River | 0-2 |
| Illinois (Granite City) | 1-1 | Highland | 0-2 |
| Edwardsville | 0-2 | Playoffs | |
| Alton | 0-2 | Round 1 | |
| Alton Marquette | 0-2 | Mascoutah 3, Freeburg 1 | |
| Roxana | 0-2 | Southwestern 4, Highland 1 | |
| Quarterfinals | | Jerseyville 2, East Alton-Wood River 0 | |
| O'Fallon | W-L-T | Waterloo 4, Triad 3 | |
| Alton | 17-3-2 | Round 2 | |
| Althoff | 11-8-3 | Mascoutah vs. Jerseyville | |
| Collinsville | 10-10-2 | Highland vs. East Alton-Wood River | |
| Belleville West | 8-11-3 | Waterloo vs. Jerseyville 1 | |
| Belleville East | 6-11-8 | Triad 5, East Alton-Wood River 1 | |
| Cahokia | 6-11-8 | Round 3 | |
| Playoffs | | Triad vs. Freeburg 2:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at East | |
| Northern Division | | Jerseyville vs. Southwestern 4:15 p.m. Feb. 27 | |
| O'Fallon | W-L-T | at U.S. Ice Sports Complex | |
| Althoff | 2-0-2 | Highland vs. East Alton-Wood River, 5:45 p.m. Feb. 28 at East Alton. | |
| Collinsville | 2-0-2 | Mascoutah vs. Waterloo, 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at U.S. Ice Sports Complex | |
| Belleville West | 1-1 | Championship | |
| Cahokia | 1-1 | O'Fallon 3, Belleville East 2 | |
| Belleville East | 0-3 | Mascoutah vs. Illinois Warriors (Granite City) 2 | |
| Playoffs | | Round 1 | |
| North Division | | O'Fallon 3, Belleville East 2 | |
| O'Fallon | W-L-T | Mascoutah vs. Illinois Warriors (Granite City) 2 | |
| Althoff | 11-8-3 | Round 2 | |
| Collinsville | 10-10-2 | O'Fallon 3, Belleville East 2 | |
| Belleville West | 8-11-3 | Mascoutah vs. Jerseyville 1 | |
| Belleville East | 6-11-8 | Highland vs. East Alton-Wood River, 5:45 p.m. Feb. 28 at East Alton. | |
| Cahokia | 6-11-8 | Waterloo vs. Jerseyville 1 | |
| Playoffs | | Triad 5, East Alton-Wood River 1 | |
| Southern Division | | Round 1 | |
| O'Fallon | W-L-T | Mascoutah 3, Freeburg 1 | |
| Althoff | 2-0-2 | Southwestern 4, Highland 1 | |
| Collinsville | 2-0-2 | Waterloo 2, Jerseyville 1 | |
| Belleville West | 1-1 | Highland 2, Mascoutah 0 | |
| Cahokia | 1-1 | Waterloo 2, Jerseyville 1 | |
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Fairmount Park constructing new paddock

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Fairmount Park is getting a facelift to bolster its image for local race fans as well as national ones.

HORSE RACING

The race track is spending \$500,000 to build a new paddock to replace the old paddock that has been in use since 1926. The paddock is the area where horses are housed in stalls before their races.

The new paddock, which was designed by AAIC Inc. of Collinsville and is being built by Jim Construction of Godfrey, will contain 14 stalls and a walking ring where horses are paraded in front of fans before making their way onto the race

track.

Construction on the paddock, which will be 186 feet by 24 feet, began Jan. 15 and is expected to be completed by the start of the thoroughbred racing season on March 30.

Fairmount Park general manager Bill Zander said he liked about the entire project, especially how the walking ring area opens up to the closed-circuit television audiences at other race tracks around the country.

"It's going to be different. In the old paddock, and this one is that one, like most things today, is created for television," Zander said. "In the 1940s and 1950s when most racetracks had already been built, since there

was no television, nobody had to create anything for television. Nowadays, at a lot of these tracks, the biggest part of the pre-race show is the horses walking around in a ring where people in other cities can see them."

Allowing simulcast bettors at other tracks the opportunity to view the horses and jockeys as they prepare for an upcoming race at Fairmount Park could bolster revenue at the race track, Zander said.

Fairmount Park officials said the track likely lost some of the simulcast betting market because fans would not bet on horses they could not view on television before a

race. "We understand that a lot of our revenue comes from these pictures being shown all over the country," Zander said. "You have to put on a good show. We're competing with these other tracks."

Zander said simulcast bettors want to know, "Are they sweaty? How are they breathing?"

"It's going to be like that," he said. "because that's the only information they can get since they're not at the track. We've never been able to do that."

The old paddock was too dark for

television cameras to showcase the horses. The idea of using a hand-held camera to show the horses was a possible solution, but the previous paddock area did not have a walking ring, which is something owners wanted.

"A lot of horse owners wanted a nice track like this, where they could stay in the center and be a part of the pageantry of horse racing," Zander said. "That was one of the reasons we did this."

The construction project at Fairmount Park is the first major renovation since the early 1990s, when the race track remodeled the third level of the clubhouse into the Top of the Turf Club.

Walking ring will make track more attractive in simulcasts

Freeburg votes not rehire Bone as coach

Dismissal comes after four seasons in playoffs, three league crowns

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Dave Bone was stunned to find out he had been fired as head football coach at Freeburg High, but he was able to keep his sense

of humor.

"I guess it was what you would call a blinding hit," Bone said, referring to the call he got Monday morning from Freeburg superintendent John Person, informing Bone he was to be fired. "It was a total shock. (Freeburg officials) had not said one word to my about any problems."

Bone's fate had been decided several days before he got the phone call, as the Freeburg District 77 school board had voted 6-0 at its most recent meeting on Feb. 18 not to renew Bone's contract for the 1999 season. One board member was absent

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Dave Bone

due to illness.

"(Person) told me the No. 1 reason for my dismissal was my working relationship with my assistant coaches and the No. 2 reason was my on-field behavior," Bone said. "In my four years at Freeburg, no one said anything to me about either of those things."

Bone, 38, is an attorney in Belleville and does not teach at Freeburg. He took over the football program in 1995 after former coach Dave Fahringer resigned for family reasons.

In Bone's first season, the Middlets won 9-4, reaching the Class 3A semifinals. In the past three seasons,

Freeburg qualified for the playoffs and won the Cahokia Conference, posting records of 9-3 in 1996, 6-4 in 1997 and 5-5 in 1998.

"The program accomplished a lot in the four years I was there," Bone said. "I'm most proud of is the amount of kids we had in the program, about 120 as of last season. Another thing I'm proud of is that we made the playoffs seven years in a row. We also won three straight conference championships."

"I've been barred from going on school grounds, but I'm trying to talk to as many of my players as I can. It's not going to be easy, but somehow,

someway, I want to call every player in our program and talk to them."

Bone applied for the vacant Belleville West coaching position, but doesn't expect to get it.

"To my knowledge, I haven't been in the running for that job for a long time," Bone said. "The people at Belleville West called me and they want to hire someone who can teach them. That means somebody who is already on the staff or somebody who can come in and fill a teaching position."

"For now, I'll concentrate on my law practice. Down the road, if something comes up in the coaching ranks, I might be interested."

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The school board will post the coaching vacancy to in-district coaches before offering the position to applicants outside of the district.

Granite City Park standings

Granite City Park Districts
Wilson Park Leagues

Co-ed Volleyball

Standings

| Team... | W-L | Score... |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Multicare Specialists... | 27-0 | Smokey Joe's 74, Deuce 9, 66. |
| Dinkers 19-8 | 23-10 | Brothers 107, Outlaws 60. |
| Sideout... | 15-12 | |
| Bindy's Funseekers... | 10-14 | |
| Country/Cos... | 9-21 | |
| Eric & Annie's... | 7-20 | |
| | 9-30 | |

Wednesday Basketball

Standings

| Team... | W-L | Score... |
|-----------------|------|----------|
| Brothers... | 10-0 | |
| Smokey Joe's... | 6-2 | |
| Outlaws... | 2-5 | |
| Deuce 9... | 0-10 | |

Thursday Basketball

Standings

| Team... | W-L | Score... |
|--|-------|---------------------------------|
| Multicare Specialists 15, Ernie & Annie's 0... | 15-12 | Smokey Joe's 60, Rebels 57. |
| Bindy's... | 7-2 | Burns Liquor 70, Killer B's 63. |
| Specialists 15, Ernie & Annie's 0... | 6-5 | Bindy's 75, Bindy's II 55. |
| Sideout 15, Funseekers 13... | 5-7 | |
| Sideout 15, Funseekers 6... | 4-8 | |
| Binders 15, Country/Cos. 13... | 2-7 | |
| Dinkers 15, County/Cos. 5... | 1-8 | |

Tuesday Basketball

Standings

| Team... | W-L | Score... |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Martins Pub... | 9-2 | Ultimate Sports 2, Martin's Pub 1-9 |
| Rockies... | 5-2 | |
| Ultimate Sports... | 6-4 | |
| Pace Tru Value... | 5-5 | |
| Pizza World... | 4-5 | |
| Harvest Assembly... | 2-8 | |

5th and 6th Grade

Basketball

Standings

| Team... | W-L | Score... |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Martins Pub... | 9-2 | Ultimate Sports 2, Martin's Pub 1-9 |
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| Ultimate Sports... | 6-4 | |
| Pace Tru Value... | 5-5 | |
| Pizza World... | 4-5 | |
| Harvest Assembly... | 1-9 | |

5th and 6th Grade

Basketball

Standings

| Team... | W-L | Score... |
|----------|-----|----------|
| White... | 6-0 | Green... |
| White... | 6-0 | Blue... |
| White... | 4-5 | Red... |
| White... | 1-9 | |

Green 23, Navy 1:

White 34, Red 9:

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Is going to have to give us some points off the bench," Green said. "I would say that in one of those three games, he is going to have to score 10 points. We'll need him to shoot

well if we are going to be successful.

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Bethel takes aim at another state title

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Kahoks fall to Salem in sectional championship

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Salem put an end to the Collinsville Kahoks' record-breaking season Thursday night in the championship game.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Taylorville Sectional.

The Wildcats' pressing defense broke open a tight game and catapulted Salem to a 59-47 victory.

Salem (28-2) advances to the Suburban Sectional, where it faces East

St. Louis 7:30 p.m. Monday.

The Flyers (22-3) advanced with a 70-67 victory against O'Fallon.

Collinsville playing in its first girls basketball sectional championship, had a 27-21 lead with a minute remaining in the final half.

Megan Grizzle's short jumper pulled Salem within 27-26 with 10.5 seconds remaining in the half. The Kahoks coughed up the ball on a turnover at the half, but Salem's Debbie Jones was fed back. Jones' two free throws with 0.3 remaining gave the

Wildcats a 28-27 halftime lead.

"We had a chance to get them a little bit there at the end of the half," Collinsville coach Steve McFall said. "I thought we had control and then we kind of lost control. I think if we were to have controlled it, we could have made it a different game in the second half, but we didn't and that is to (Salem's) credit. They came down and hit some huge shots. There is nothing else to say."

The opening 3:55 of the third quarter did not get any better for the

Kahoks as Salem scored the first 10 points of the stanza to increase its lead to 38-27.

"We just got out of what we were doing," McFall said. "Sometimes you make typical mistakes. We just threw some bad passes. I think the passes were there sometimes, and we didn't complete them. You just can't do that in basketball."

"They never got us away and the kids fought right until the very end. We did not quit," McFall said.

Collinsville senior Autumn Dow ended her career with a 19-point effort. She capped the night with a reverse layup before the final buzzer.

couple of 3-pointers in the second half, including a trey with 5:13 remaining in the final period that closed the gap to 45-40.

However, Salem's Renee Brubaker answered with a trey to push the Wildcats' lead to 48-40. The Kahoks did not get much closer.

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Flyerettes beat Mount Vernon capture sectional title

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Lady Rams' Hale scored the game's first six points and 5-3 foul guard Julie Bryant had a handshot as Mount Vernon took an 8-6 lead with 6:08 to play in the first quarter.

"The pace in the first quarter was up and down. We were so pumped up," said Rennie, whose team trailed

22-19 after the opening period. "We were running and scoring in the transition game, but it's hard to play that way." At 3:55 minutes left, some subs to give the kids a rest, but (the fullcourt) has been our game all year."

The Lady Rams' lead didn't last long, though. A 10-3 run by the Flyerettes — one by Cole and two by Adams — gave East St. Louis a 15-11 lead midway through the first quarter.

The Flyerettes led 31-24 when Adams left the game with her third foul with 1:07 left in the second quarter, but a basket by teammate Sharine Conrad made the score 33-24 at reentered the game in the fourth quarter.

A rebound basket by freshman Lutisha Davis and free throw by Sherika Satterwhite extended the Flyerettes' lead to 36-24. A basket by Hale capped a 17-6 Mount Vernon run and brought the Lady Rams within one point (56-55) with 4:02 to play. After slowing down the tempo, East St. Louis reverted to its typical

fast pace in the closing minutes of the game.

Sophomore Jessica Kmitta added 13 points for Mount Vernon, while Love added 12 points.

Cole had 14 points for East St. Louis, including three 3-pointers in the first quarter. Davis scored 10 points and Satterwhite and Lutisha Hale added 9 points apiece.

Cavins accepts athletic, academic scholarship from McKendree

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we build a foundation. We have a good number of players at McKendree, but many of them haven't played before and haven't put a whole lot of time in the program and that's going to be changing. The men's program has done very well and now the women's program hopefully will be on its way. Crystal is a dynamite player and we're happy to have her."

Crystal is receiving both an athletic scholarship to play soccer at McKendree and the Presidential Scholarship, given to outstanding college athletes. This smarts that carry her through school are as impressive as the motors that carry her downfield.

"Crystal is a first-class young lady and a blue-chip student-athlete," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "She is very good

academically, she has great character and she is an athlete. She is a very good soccer player. She is going to be a player at a high level. The scholarship is first-class. It looks like a great fit for everyone concerned."

Colleges know they are getting proven commodities — fully-developed people and players — out of the Granite City soccer program.

"As soon as Coach Baker calls me on any player coming from Granite City the police is there, they're here. They're here at Granite City and they're hard-nosed," Strange said. "They play hard, they know the basics of the game and once they get there, I don't have to do a whole lot. I can just let them go out there and play. That's what I am looking for from Crystal," he said.

"I've got a lot of Tim Strange," Baker said. "I've known him and his family for some time and I know that she will really like him. He

knows what he is doing. It's the start of something new with their program up there, with his being involved and the girls he is recruiting as well. So I think that will be really good. And then with the addition of Steve (Dwyer) as well, I will know if I want. I think it really is a positive thing for soccer in Granite and at McKendree. The student-athlete combination is really good for any university, to get someone who has the academic background that Crystal has, and that will show on the field as well."

Dowdy, a graduate of Granite City who played at Lewis & Clark College and Saint Louis University, is joining the staff at McKendree. She is responsible for finding a familiar face around should help ease the transition to the college game. But Cavins doesn't expect to have much difficulty adjusting.

"When I visited, I spoke to a lot of people in

the administration and they were telling me what a great guy Tim was," Cavins said. "I spoke to the president of the university, actually, and he was telling me a lot of things about how good Tim was with the girls soccer players. The boys soccer program was on a losing streak but once he became the coach they started winning. He's had a lot of experience. This is his first year with the girls and he's hoping to build it up. I hope I can benefit that and help the program get stronger."

Cavins has one more season of high school soccer remaining. Practice begins for the Warriors on March 8, and Cavins should be fully recovered from the twisted ankle to join her team.

"I've had many sprains before," Cavins said. "I can recover within a couple of weeks."



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Kahoks sink Belleville West

Collinsville makes 26 of 30 FTs, edges Maroons for fourth in SWC

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer.

During the first half of the 1998-99 season, the Collinsville Kahoks couldn't buy a trip to the free-throw line.

The Kahoks didn't drained 26 of 30 foul shots en route to a 68-48 Southwestern Conference victory over the Maroons.

"Historically and going farther back than when I played basketball, it's been a time, Collinsville High School makes free throws," West coach Bill Schmidt said. "I told the guys when they already had eight free throws in the first quarter, I said, 'This is not good. They make those free throws.' You have to keep them off the line."

The Kahoks had been a trade mark of past Collinsville teams, this year's squad couldn't seem to locate the charity stripe. And they hadn't been too successful once they got there.

"You are going to win a lot of games (making 26 free throws), Collinsville coach Bob Burt said. "We're winning that many free throws and No. 2 making them because if you look back at the beginning of the year we weren't doing that. You have to give this team a lot of credit because they have made themselves a lot of credit."

"There were times in early January, middle of January, where the ball just wasn't going up. A lot of people had given up on us. To go through the stretch we have gone through over the last five or six weeks

I don't know how many we won, it really doesn't make any difference, but for the most part we have played really good basketball over an extended period of time."

Collinsville has won eight of its last 11 games to close out the regular season.

After a 12-12 tie to end the first quarter, Belleville West's Neil O'Donnell drained a trey to give the Maroons a 15-14 lead in the second quarter. But that was last lead West had in the game. Collinsville went on a 14-4 run to close out the quarter and took a 28-18 lead into the locker room. The Kahoks finished the first half 10 for 10 from the free-throw line.

Collinsville maintained the momentum in the third quarter with a 11-2 run leading to a 40-20 difference. The Maroons DeMarco Smith stopped their run with a jumper. The two teams played even through the final three minutes and the Kahoks maintained their 20 point lead, 46-26.

Curtis Williams sparked the fourth-quarter comeback for the Maroons (14-13). Williams nailed a trey to start the final quarter and scored the Maroons' first seven points to cut the lead to 43-33. Smith added two foul shots to make it 52-42, but that was as close as West got.

However, Williams fouled Chris Shaffer and then picked up a technical foul. Shaffer drained his two foul shots and Terry Tessary buried his second technical shot, pushing the Kahoks lead to 52-35.

"Obviously, getting four points at that time was big," Bone said.



John Swistak Jr. photo

Collinsville's Shaun Moore battles for the ball with Belleville West's DeMarco Smith (24) and Curtis Williams (31) in action this season.

But the Maroons closed to within 10. Ramon Kelly scored Belleville West's next nine points in a span of 1:52 to cut the lead to 52-42, but that was as close as West got.

"We cut it to 10 and stepped it up a notch defensively," Schmidt said. "We had them on their heels a little bit and then there was that call."

Moore sank two free throws and Tessary buried his second trey of the game and another jumper that did in the Maroons.

Collinsville 63, Belleville West 48

COLLINSVILLE 12 18 19 17 — 63
BELLEVILLE WEST 12 6 8 22 — 48

COLLINSVILLE: Terry Tessary 19 (2 3-pointers), Chris Shaffer 16, Shaun Moore 18, Cory Wilson 4, Louis Michael 2, Josh Miller 2, Steve Doughtery 2, FG-11 (2 3-pointers), FT-0.

BELLEVILLE WEST: Ramon Kelly 11, DeMarco Smith 7, Curtis Williams 14, Jones 6, Kester Chapman 2, Adam Duncan 1, Brett Sobieralski 2, Neil O'Donnell 3, Cecil Carter 2, FG-11 (5 3-pointers), FT-11/15.

Janek bids for national meet

The Illinois College wrestling team sent six athletes to Manchester (Ind.) College for the right to advance to the NCAA Division III national championship meet.

Among those representing Illinois College was freshman Jonas Janek, who had a 9-8 record at 184 pounds.

Fourteen colleges and universities were entered in the qualifying meet.

Club ice hockey

Illinois Warriors Regular Season

Scoring

| Name (Year) | G | A | Pts | GP | PIM |
|---------------------|----|----|-----|----|-----|
| Bobby Messner (JR) | 28 | 21 | 49 | 24 | 10 |
| Dustin Clegg (JR) | 6 | 19 | 25 | 21 | 63 |
| John Stortz (JR) | 15 | 9 | 24 | 16 | 9 |
| Brett Solldner (SO) | 10 | 11 | 21 | 22 | 21 |
| David Svejk (JR) | 4 | 4 | 8 | 21 | 28 |
| John Tamm (SR) | 3 | 6 | 11 | 22 | 41 |
| Bill Canitt (JR) | 2 | 8 | 7 | 21 | 14 |
| Luke Forrester (JR) | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 45 |
| Gregory Goss (SO) | 3 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 14 |
| Bill Ficor (JR) | 1 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 26 |
| Tim Kowalch (SR) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 6 |
| Erik Johnson (JR) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Josh Anderson (FR) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Robyn Stater (SR) | 1 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 0 |
| Matt Hecht (JR) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Raymond Smith (JR) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dave Schaefer (FR) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Key: G = Games played; A = Assists; GP = Games played; PIM = Penalties in minutes.

Goalies

Name Year A Shots Save % Minutes PIM

Scott Brannen (SO) 40 281 .857 512 0

Brandon Rollins (SO) 23 139 .834 255 0

Key: GA = Goals against; Save % = Percentage of shots saved.

Prep wrestling

Granite City Wrestling Season Record

| Name (Year) | WL | P | T | M | ITd | Td | NF | R | Esc | Pts |
|--------------------------|-------|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-------|
| Steve Peach (SO), 103 | 34-11 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 22 | 56 | 22 | 11 | 37 | 177.5 |
| John Titan (SO), 112 | 20-11 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 50 | 16 | 39 | 20 | 102 |
| Tom Tedesco (FR), 119 | 20-21 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 40 | 14 | 4 | 20 | 198 |
| Patricia (SR), 126 | 26-11 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 44 | 13 | 29 | 20 | 198 |
| Ben Lofkin (SR), 130 | 27-18 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 62 | 19 | 14 | 65 | 126.5 |
| Denise Davis (SR), 136 | 23-23 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 32 | 13 | 1 | 17 | 77 |
| John Tamm (SR), 140 | 14-13 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 40 | 7 | 14 | 46 | 154 |
| Ryan Worthen (SR), 145 | 37-10 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 58 | 16 | 24 | 33 | 168 |
| Brooks Narvaez (SR), 152 | 41-3 | 17 | 6 | 7 | 40 | 138 | 11 | 4 | 38 | 225 |
| George Hake (SR), 160 | 40-4 | 16 | 6 | 6 | 40 | 103 | 27 | 5 | 54 | 262.5 |
| Justin Hale (SR), 171 | 32-17 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 27 | 62 | 14 | 8 | 24 | 157 |
| Bob Grammer (SO), 189 | 29-14 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 59 | 13 | 13 | 21 | 144 |
| Kevin Verner (SO), 215 | 40-4 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 85 | 14 | 4 | 27 | 245.5 |
| C. Michael (SR), 275 | 18-18 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 56 | 4 | 10 | 18 | 78 |
| Billy Reed (FR), 103 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| John Tamm (SR), 130 | 3-1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 23 |
| Gary Campbell (SO), 130 | 1-1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Willie Clark (FR), 145 | 0-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Josh Wright (SO), 159 | 3-1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| Josephine (SR), 275 | 6-0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 33 |

Key: P = Pins, T = Technical falls; M = Major decisions; ITD = First taken down in a match; TD = Total takedowns; NF = Near falls; R = Reversals; Esc = Escapes; Pts = Points for team in competition.

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GCHS speech team does well at IHSA regional championship



Contributed photo
Members of the Granite City High School Performance in the Round team, performing "Cowboy," are, front row, from left, Marc Johnson, Jake Kamphoefner, Andy Ravanelli, Tom Petrillo; back row, Amanda Rodgers, Julie Mills, Katie Serrano, Lora Smallman.



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The Granite City High School speech team advanced participants in 11 of 13 events to the Illinois High School Association Sectional Tournament, which was held recently at Charleston High School.

All those advancing placed in the top four in their category at the Regional Tournament held at Belleville East High School.

The competitors included Ryan Moenster in Prose and Riddle Speaking, Richard Skibball and Amy Krieshok in Humorous Duet Acting, and Krieshok in Oratorical Declamation.

David Elliff in Humorous Interpretation, Andrew Elliff in Special Occasion Speaking, Tony Mell in Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speaking, Linda Heath in Oratory, and Julie Mills and Katie Serrano in Dramatic Interpretation.

Also advancing was the Group Performance team consisting of members Amanda Rodgers, Lora Smallman, Julie Mills, Katie Serrano, Marc Johnson, Tom Petrillo, Jacob Kamphoefner and Amy Ravanelli. Their presentation is called "Cowboy."

Elliff and Mell advanced from the sectionals and represented GCHS at the state tournament in Glen Ellyn.

The speech team has had a very successful season, bringing home numerous trophies and medals throughout the season, as well as six team titles at six tournaments. They placed second as a team at the regional by only two points and placed second at the regional in Performance in the Round.

The Warrior speech team is coached by Beverly Scroggins.

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St. Elizabeth organization holds meeting

St. Elizabeth Parish Ladies' Society held its first meeting of the new year on Jan. 26 in the school cafeteria, with the new president, Linda Groboski, presiding. A total of 44 members attended.

New officers for the year were introduced. They are: President, Linda Groboski; Vice-president, Mary Evans; Yacho, secretary; and Marilyn Hahn, treasurer.

President Groboski also announced her chair for the coming year: The annual Church Women United, Dolores Moseley; church cleaning, Virginia Metzger; youth group and funeral meals, Jan Polach and Mary Carich; kitchen supplies,

Kathy Lickenbrock; members, Lucille Friedrich; nursing home angels, Jan Polach and Ida Gragg; nursing home Chaperones, Jan Polach and Carmen Schwartz; scholarship, Joyce Alexander; school liaison, Cindy Whitt; telephone, Karen Miller; Turkey Dinner and Bazaar, Nancy Norris.

The calendar of events for the coming year include the St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church blood drive; the Palm Sunday sale on March 27 and 28; the parish appreciation dinner on April 24; the annual Lenten breakfast on May 2; the annual fall trip, date to be

announced; and the Turkey Dinner and Bazaar on Nov. 14.

Minutes were read by the secretary, Mary Eavlyne Yacho, and the treasurer's report was given by Marilyn Hahn. Jan Polach reported that it is the fourth year for the nursing home angel program, and names were taken for those wishing to be angels this year.

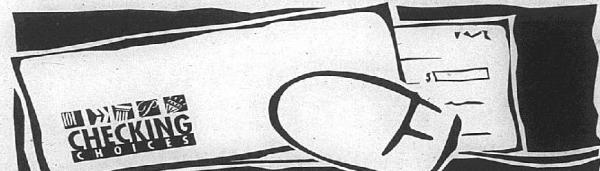
Bethany Hall will be guest-of-the-month chairperson this year. Cleo Schnecke reported that thus far, 25 afghans have been donated to the Afghan Up Above Project. The ladies were asked to donate cakes for the Men's Club fish fries.

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Holy Family's Young at Heart seniors hold monthly meeting

The Young at Heart senior citizens group of Holy Family Catholic Church held their monthly meeting, Feb. 15 in the church community center.

President Cleola Siebert called the meeting to order. Sister Jean Patrick led the group in prayer. President Siebert followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the November meeting were read by the recording secretary, Cleo Schneffer, following the treasurer's report, given by Goldie Rozycke.

Corresponding Secretary Pauline Hanson reported receiving a thank-you card from Cecilia Cruse for the Christmas bag she received.

A thank-you card was received from Rosemary Bryce for the sympathy card she received due to the death of her brother.

Thank-you cards were received from the following sisters for their sympathy donation they received: Sister Jean Patrick, Sister Angeline, Sister Stanley, Sister Linda Mary, Sister Donna Marie and Sister Dolores.

Friendship chair Marilyn Schooley sent a get-well card to Rose Marie Nagy. A sympathy card was sent to Ed Hagnauer due to the death of his mother.

Membership chairperson Connie McGee reported 75 members in attendance, with six new members.

Attendance chairperson Mary Jo Mothesherd, Ann Fryntzko, Andrew Fryntzko, Carmen Dickerson, and Joe Halzum.

In the absence of Irma Manning, trip chair, Lucille Caban, reported a trip on the Para-Dice Casino in Peoria is scheduled for March 15. Cost is \$5. We will leave the church parking lot at 7 a.m., cruise from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and enjoy a buffet lunch at 2:30 p.m. We will leave Peoria at 3:30 p.m.

Birthdays celebrated in December were Goldie Rozycke, Victoria McQuay, Zita Augutte and Marie Szymczek.

Birthdays celebrated in January were Norma Tankersley and Warren Bequette.

Birthdays celebrated in February were Art Oberle, Lucille Caban and Cecelia Mance.

A raffle was held and Cathy Wiese was the winner of a beautiful afghan.

The Holy Family fish fry will be held on Saturday, April Easter. Young at Heart will take charge of the dessert table.

A St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef, ham and cabbage will be held at the monthly meeting on March 15. The price is \$5. Pauline Hanson is taking reservations and payments for this dinner. Cutoff date for reservations and payments is March 5.

Attendance prizes were won by Art Linders, Peggy Ritchie, Louise Gwasdak, Marie Stanek, Pat Thomas, Al Mance, Dale Ramey, Helen Moosheid and Andrew Fryntzko.

The next monthly meeting will be at 6 p.m. March 12 in the church community center.



112th World Day of Prayer service in Granite City scheduled March 5

Christians in more than 170 countries around the world will gather in Friday, March 5, in observance of the 1999 World Day of Prayer Service.

In Granite City, the service will be sponsored by Church Women United at First United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Pontoon Road, with the program beginning at 1 p.m.

and refreshments following. This service is open to all by invitation of laywoman Mary Ellen James, which the World Day of Prayer brings various races, cultures, and Christian traditions in informed prayer and prayerful action.

The World Day of Prayer has been sponsored in the

United States by Church Women United since 1941.

This year's service, written by Christian Women of Venezuela, focuses on theme "God's Tender Touch," and celebrates the gift of God's love.

Thanks is given for the abundance of natural resources in their native country, but we

are being challenged to become more aware of the needs that still among Venezuela's poor. On this day, we are invited by Venezuelan Christians to pray for a radical transformation of society that will reflect morally God's redemptive grace, compassion and shalom.

Offerings received on World Day of Prayer help support Church Women United's ecumenical ministries toward justice and peace for all persons.

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Field Museum exhibits "Art of the Motorcycle"

By Rick Stoff

Much of the automobile is hidden by body work. It's been there for 100 years, so much of the engineering work is functional without a trace of artistic thought.

Every part of a motorcycle, however, is visible to the rider, observer and potential buyer. Everything on a motorcycle gets the beauty treatment when born on the drafting table.

An exhibit titled "The Art of the Motorcycle" continues through March 21 at the Field Museum in Chicago.

The 75 racing and sport bikes in the exhibit range from an 1868 invention to current racing and sport bikes.

That first motorcycle was the Michaux-Perraudin Steam Velocipede, built in France. A steam-generating mechanism is affixed below the rider's seat, dangerously close to the rider. Wooden wheels are circled by steel straps. Two thin belts of some sort carried propulsion to the back wheel.

The machine was said to have achieved 19 mph, but two people were affixed to the front wheel, in the style of a child's tricycle, just in case.

There was a brass era in automobiles, more or less after World War I, so called because of the brass lamps, radiator shells and other ornaments that adorned them. The brass era in motorcycles, in fact, was the Clevenger era in America. This motorcycle carried an elaborate brass steam boiler and other mysterious stuff, connected by numerous pieces of copper tubing, over the front wheel. Pretty and shiny, yes. Dangerous? We'd hate to think what would happen if that copper pipe fell off.

Through the years, motorcycles reflected general design trends of their times. Early production motorcycles, such as a 1905 Indian, were little more than simple bicycles fitted with an engine. The bikes of the 1920s and 1930s, such as the 1929 EZ-Go, reflected the need to taste with dramatically flowing fenders and fuel tanks.

After World War II, American prosperity was reflected in the 1948 Indian Chief, a vision in red and black and chrome. Big tires and massive fenders were connected by a long, low-slung frame.

The replica of the Harley-Davidson "Easy Rider" chopper built in 1969 for the Peter Fonda and Jack Nicholson movie is all chrome, except for the splashes of red, white and blue on its stars-and-stripes gas tank. The motorcycle used in the movie was stolen before the film premiered. Others in the exhibit, however, are originals borrowed from collections and museums around the world.

The notables include the 1917 Curtiss ridden to a 136-mph speed record by aviation legend Glenn Curtiss. A 1956 MV Agusta 500cc Gran Prix racing bike is the world title by John Surtees, later a Formula One car champion.

One of the least inspiring machines started an empire. It's a 1963 Honda C100 Super Cub. Honda has sold about 28 million of these bikes, which led to a line of cars you may see on the road now and then.



2000 Neon matures into quieter, tighter car

The Neon has grown up, gone to finishing school and become more refined.

Instead of acting like a rampaging teenager, the Neon is like a 30-something adult, yet its fun-to-drive character remains essentially intact. Based on my recent drive in a pre-production model, it is considerably more pleasant than the original with sacrifices.

The 105-inch wheelbase is 1 inch longer and overall length has increased by 2.6 inches. Inside, there is greater hip, headroom and shoulder room, making it one of the roomiest cars in the compact segment.

The trunk capacity has grown from 11.8 cubic feet to 13.1 cubic feet, and a 60/40 split-folding rear seat is standard.

Powertrain options have changed, but both Plymouth and Dodge dealers are currently gaining speed and cars should begin trickling into showrooms fairly soon.

The four-door is the only model available at this point.

Its styling has evolved into a look that resembles a scaled-down Intrepid. The trademark oval headlights are still there, but bigger, with clear lenses for a jewel-like appearance. The base of the windshield has been moved 3 inches forward in order to maximize interior space and aerodynamics.

A larger exhaust system and the appli-

cation of sound-absorbing material reduced overall driving noise considerably. The doors have full frames and triple seals. The side windows on the frameless doors of the first Neon were prone to noise at highway speeds.

The car I drove was a very early pre-production model built for journalists to review, and its level of fit and finish is not likely to be equal to that of the production model. At highway speeds I noticed some wind and tire noise coming from the back doors or rear seat area, but overall the new car is quieter than its predecessor.

I drove a basic model whose only option is air conditioning, and it had a sticker price of \$13,890. An AM/FM stereo cassette with six speakers is standard, as are power windows, rear door locks and remote keyless entry.

The 2.0-liter engine is a smooth, quiet unit that has been moved 3 inches forward in order to maximize interior space and aerodynamics.

The 2000 model uses the same engine, but it has been refined with new cylinder head cover, timing belt cover and exhaust manifold. Redesigned engine mounts isolate engine vibration and vibration. While this engine's horsepower output is the same, it has more mid-range punch because of retuning.

The 2000 model was designed to provide a spacious interior and snappy performance at a price low enough to be competitive with imports. Its 2.0-liter, single-overhead-cam (SOHC), 132-horsepower engine quickly established it as one of the hottest small cars around.

The 2000 model uses the same engine,

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Engine:

2.0-liter, four-cylinder

Transmission:

Five-speed

Wheelbase:

105 inches

Curb Weight:

2,564 pounds

Base Price:

\$12,390

Price as Driven:

\$13,890

MPG Rating:

28 city, 32 highway

Transmission choices include the standard five-speed or the optional three-speed automatic.

The brake system has been updated for better performance. Four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock traction control are available as an option.

A stronger body structure results in a tighter, less noisy ride. Wheel travel, especially in the back, has been increased for a smoother ride. Handling still is responsive, with front and rear stabilizer bars to minimize body lean.

Inside the cabin, numerous small shelves and storage places are available for cell phones, cups and drivers. The locking glove box has holders for a pen and tire gauge. Big Gulp drinks with handles will fit into the cup holders. The instrument panel has a soft-touch center. The cloth seats are more subdued than in the previous car. Even on the base model the front seats have good lateral support, while upscale versions get more pronounced contouring and adjustable headrests.

The small-car segment accounts for nearly one-third of sales, and 1.5 million Neons have been sold since 1994. The new car's character has been sacrificing performance, and the interior is even larger. What else could a buyer want?

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Technology creates opportunities but applicants without skills need not apply

Barbara Ponder
Correspondent

Two years ago, the Cooperating School District received 1,000 job applications for its marketing position.

Such stiff competition in the field makes it an employer's market.

Nora Carr, the marketing director for the Cooperating School District, said there looks for applicants with internships or other practical experience as well as writing and technical skills.

"They need to know desktop and word processing programs, word processing and spreadsheets, and they need to know databases," Carr said. "The more of those kinds of skills you have the more likely you will be to get that first job."

Carr said the people enter the field with a variety of degrees such as business, accounting, marketing and journalism.

Carr holds a bachelor's degree in English literature, while on a "non-traditional path to marketing," she said.

However, she also had worked on the school newspaper, covered municipal meetings for the Suburban Journals, and acquired other writing experience.

"That's what got me my first job..." she said. "Writing is so key in any aspect of marketing."

Carr spoke in a phone interview during a break from CSD's 5th Annual Midwest Education Technology Conference.

"This is definitely something

As marketing director for the Cooperating School Districts, Nora Carr focuses primarily on developing strategy in coordination with the CSD Leadership Team.

you have to market to get people to come and attend," she said.

CSD used a multi-tiered marketing strategy that included direct mail to specific educators and ads in trade journals. About

CSD, public relations and marketing are handled in one department.

As marketing director, Carr focuses primarily on developing strategy in coordination with the

sis area," Carr said. "Staff members deal with the specific aspects of marketing."

The 1998-99 Occupation Handbook from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics provides detailed information on about 250 occupations.

The handbook reports that employment of advertising, marketing and public relations directors is expected to increase through 2006, with competition remaining intense for those positions.

The demand for marketing research analysts should remain strong as well.

Carr said the explosion of commerce on the worldwide web has increased opportunities in the field for those with a love of technology, strategic abilities and creativity.

"A lot of the people leading the pack are self-taught at this point," she said.

Carr suggests that individuals who want to pursue a career in marketing take computer courses, perhaps through a community college or technical school, in addition to their undergraduate studies.

Despite the influx and importance of technology in marketing, the main thrust of marketing remains building relationships with people.

"Nothing is going to replace relationships with people and going to fax or communicate," Carr said.

Both introverts and extroverts can do well in marketing.

"The main thing is to listen much more than you talk," Carr said. "You have to treat people the way you want to be treated. Spend time with them. Nothing goes away faster than a relationship you don't spend time on."

"They need to know desktop and layout programs, word processing and spreadsheets, and they need to know databases."

Nora Carr
marketing director for the Cooperating School Districts

1,500 from 30 states and Canada attended last week's event.

Although once distinct professions, the line has become blurred between public relations and marketing.

"I spend a lot of my time in the market research and analy-

CSD Leadership Team. Focus groups, surveys and other research provides data about the service areas' member districts with it."

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- Completion of a minimum of two years of clinical nursing practice.
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Best job hunting tool is a phone

By Kent R. Davies

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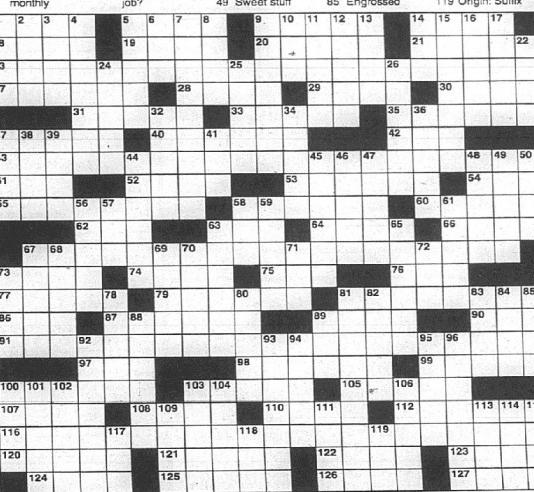
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Crash course in calculators

At right, Belleville West teacher Bob Yagge, left, and Waterloo High School teachers Kathy Landgraf and Lloyd Wacker review the results of their assignment charting movement on a graphing calculator during the Connecting Math and Science workshop recently held at Belleville Area College. High school teachers from Southern Illinois came together to learn about ways to use the calculators and related equipment in the classroom.



Granite City High School teachers Bill Puhse and Barry Grote do their homework with the help of Teachers Teaching With Technology trainer Aurelia Well.



Dupo High School teacher James Thomas, from left, O'Fallon High School teacher Pat Hasenstab and Sparta High School teacher Martha House brush up on their skills.



Freeburg High School teachers Missie Steve and Greg Frerking concentrate on the task at hand.



Venice High School teacher James Fulton, left, and Belleville West teacher Ryan Endsley use their calculators.



At right, Granite City High School teacher Denise Albrecht and Coulterville High School teacher Gayle North put their heads together to solve a math problem. The workshop was hosted by BAC's Math Department with funding from the Belleville Area College Foundation Monsanto Fund and Texas Instruments.

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Female consumers becoming stronger, more influential

By Cathy Pezold
Staff writer

With more women buying houses, making investments and starting their own businesses, they have become a strong consumer group.

But some women still feel overwhelmed when making purchases.

Some local businesses have noticed this trend and even target women as potential customers.

Linda Behlmann, who with husband Allen Behlmann owns one new- and five used-car locations in the St. Louis area, said she has noticed the growing trend of women consumers. She said Behlmann Camera and Electronics started directly addressing women in November.

"The female buyer has changed," Linda Behlmann said. "She's a powerful tool,

and we want her business."

Behlmann said women, whether single or in a relationship, have significant input concerning purchases.

"We're not perceived as decision-makers," she said. "But research has shown that 80 percent of the decision-makers are women."

Behlmann said this is why her husband chose women as a target market.

"We wanted to target them because they do know what they're talking about," she said. "We know that the female buyer was becoming a very strong part of the buyer's market," she said.

Behlmann said to target women consumers they started directly addressing women in their advertising.

"Our strategy was to get the word out that we wanted her business," Behlmann said. "Then we had to back that up

with the way we treated her when she came in to buy a car."

Behlmann said women often feel uncomfortable when buying a car because they feel like salesmen talk down to them or don't take them seriously.

"I think they have been treated as second-class citizens sometimes, and if that's the case, consumers need to let their salesmen know, because that's how they make their living," she said. "I think it's clear that women are a powerful consumer group," she said.

Judy McMurry, 57, of Kirkwood, has owned more than 20 years. In her life she said her experience through the years has shown salesmen are treating women better.

"There were times when they talked down to me as a woman," she said. "But it has improved so much. It's gotten much better."

Hattie Stunson, a real estate agent for Century 21 Suburban in Florissant, said real estate agents also should address women and their specific needs.

"Working with the female buyer, we find we tell her there are various programs that will help her with her closing cost," said Stunson, who has been in the real estate business for 14 years.

Stunson said she has utilized several area agencies when working with clients, and she also recommends building inspections to first-time homebuyers.

"As an agent, we should recommend building inspection," Stunson said. "I think it may take a little more time and cause a little more stress, that's what

we should do as responsible agents."

Stunson said she also tries to inform her clients about financing.

"If a woman comes to me and maybe doesn't have her finances in order, I tell her what she needs to do to get them in place so she can qualify to buy a home," Stunson said.

John McArthur, owner of John McArthur Sporting Goods, said he has seen women become a larger market in the sporting goods business during the past three decades. He has four locations in St. Louis, distributed in Lansing, Mich., as well as Orlando, Fla.

"I've seen the transition from the days of the late '60s and '70s when girls just played sports and now girls go into college to today where more and more women are playing all types of sports into

their adult lives," he said.

McArthur said his company features "high quality" merchandise that targets competitive rather than casual athletes. He said his company mainly targets sports teams, which he says always includes women's teams.

"We've incorporated specific sales programs that are directed toward women's sport teams. I think women have always been one of our markets, but they are definitely a larger and stronger one now than they were 20 years ago."

McArthur said women's involvement in sports has increased because society has changed.

"As the attitudes have changed, I think women are no longer expected to stay home and raise families, it's obvious as consumers they would become a target."

Florissant businessman forms opposition group to St. Louis 2004 efforts

By Michael Penrod
Staff writer

With the 21st century just around the corner, many activists are piecing together plans to change the city.

Among them are the new Citizens Action Network (CAN), led by Florissant resident Tomini Buzzetta. Buzzetta, a lifelong resident of the St. Louis area and owner of a small distribution business in Florissant, said he

founded CAN in response to programs initiated by the organization St. Louis 2004, made up of civic leaders in the region.

He described CAN as a "handful of people" from the St. Louis area.

He said the plan proposed by St. Louis 2004 are for the most part "good intentions and unbiased" for the St. Louis area. He said they often require a supervisory board consisting of appointed

individuals rather than elected ones.

"There's really not much accountability with these organizations," Buzzetta said. "You can't remove them from office if they do something you don't think is good."

Buzzetta said many of the programs offered by St. Louis 2004 are "for the most part good intentions and unbiased" for the St. Louis area. He said there is nothing wrong with the current way of doing

business in the St. Louis area. "We have a good system, and if we follow the constitution and use common sense, we could much get done what we need to get done," Buzzetta said.

Among the programs offered by St. Louis 2004 that CAN disagreed with is the idea of consolidating the largely fragmented St. Louis region into one larger socio-economic powerhouse.

Buzzetta said such action is

unnecessary. He argues that allowing smaller municipalities to obtain U.S. Treasury interest-free loans to develop infrastructure would prove more effective in stimulating local economies.

Buzzetta said this would keep regional planning bodies intact like the Regional Commerce and Growth Association and the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council out of municipal governments.

But Karla Goldstein, communications manager for St. Louis 2004, said Buzzetta misunderstands the organization's intent.

"We are not proposing that we merge seven counties in Missouri with five counties in Illinois," Goldstein said. "We feel the area should market itself as one economic unit because that is what we essentially are."

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